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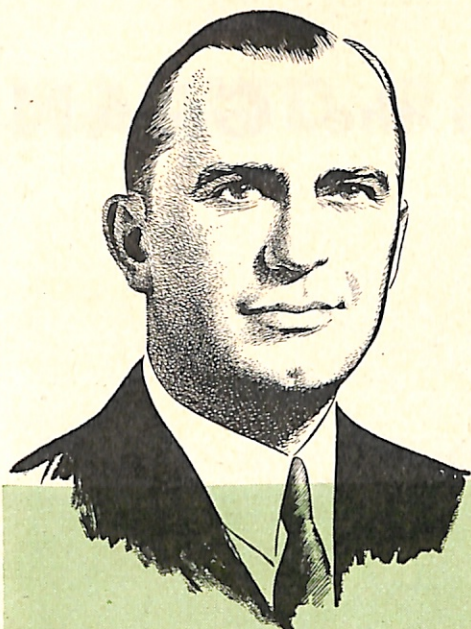
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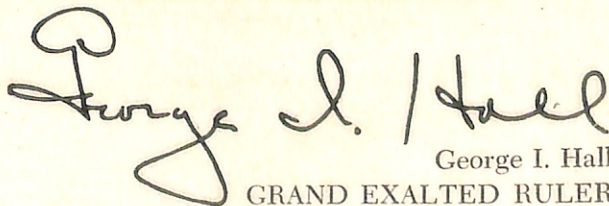
I N this, my first message to my Brothers as their Grand Exalted Ruler, I should like to express my great appreciation of the high honor they have conferred upon me.

Before us lies the work of the year, and as your leader I am asking, and feel confident that I will receive, your whole-hearted support and cooperation of my program for the continued progress of our beloved Order, in the hope that when I turn the reins of office over to my successor you will feel that the confidence you placed in me has been well merited.

Today our Order numbers about 950,000 members—the largest membership since our organization—and from present indications it will not be long before we reach 1,000,000. This growth has been steady and has brought to our doors many young men who have served our country in World War II. This increase has also been

attained without membership drives, and our subordinate lodges have not lessened their careful scrutiny of those seeking admission to our rolls. I am happy and privileged to welcome these Brothers and to urge each of them to take an active interest and participation of all of our many programs.

My first interest this year is the retention of our membership. I strongly urge our Exalted Rulers to arrange programs in their lodges which will attract our Brothers to our meetings—and when such programs are announced, I ask our Brothers to support them. Attend your meetings regularly, take an active part in the work and activities of your lodge and of our Order; get acquainted with your officers and be well-educated in Elksdom, then I can assure you that you will enjoy your membership and cherish it as one of your richest possessions.


George I. Hall
GRAND EXALTED RULER

A Letter to the Editor of **LIFE MAGAZINE** from the **GRAND**



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

GEORGE I. HALL
Grand Exalted Ruler

21 West Street Building
NEW YORK 6, NEW YORK

July 29, 1948

Mr. Henry R. Luce
Editor
LIFE
Time and Life Building
9 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Luce:

"Today the forces of social change have further broken down the family... The outward pull of movies, automobiles, bridge clubs and Elks constantly threatens what little family unity remains. The individual now looks outside his home for his interests..."

Inclusion of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks among the "atomistic" forces threatening the destruction of the American home, in the article, "The American Family in Trouble", that appeared in the July 26 issue of LIFE, reveals a lack of knowledge of the Order's activities that will come as a shock to its more than 900,000 members.

If the 1498 Elks lodges in America and its possessions were merely places where father or son found diversion, as a substitute for the family circle, I could hardly challenge your statement. It is true that our lodges offer our members diversion and companionship, but the implication that this is the sole, or even major, function of our Order is unwarranted.

On the contrary, we Elks are supporting many activities which we earnestly believe are building a better citizenship and strengthening the foundation of the American home. In the past year, our Order expended nearly six million dollars for charitable, educational, health and welfare purposes. We have expended more than twenty million dollars for these activities in the past five years alone and ninety per cent of that sum was appropriated for the aid of non-members.

EXALTED RULER

IN THE July issue, in an article "The American Family in Trouble", LIFE magazine made the unjustifiable statement that the Order of Elks is a contributing factor in the disruption of American family life. This is a statement utterly opposed to the Order's ideals and is disproved by its activities. I have written a letter of rebuttal to the Editor of LIFE and I wish to call it to the attention of the members of the Order through the medium of our Magazine.

Mr. Henry R. Luce

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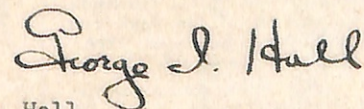
Annually, the Elks award scholarships to hundreds of needy students of ability, enabling them to continue their education and thus to become better equipped for citizenship in a democracy. Our Order provides funds for the treatment and rehabilitation of thousands of crippled children under an expanding program which includes operation and maintenance of several hospitals, and support of clinics. More than four hundred lodges sponsor Boy and Girl Scout troops, under a steadily-growing program to bring the advantages of Scout training to youngsters now denied this opportunity. We maintain summer camps for underprivileged children, youth centers, and playgrounds. In these and in many other ways, the National Order, and subordinate lodges throughout the land, work steadily to improve and protect America's future by developing healthy, intelligent youth devoted to American ideals of justice, equality, and service to others.

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission provides entertainment and recreation for disabled veterans in one hundred and sixty-five hospitals in forty-eight states, supplies materials for veterans undergoing occupational therapy. During the recent war, millions of servicemen found entertainment and recreation at one hundred and fifty-five Elks fraternal centers. Over a million servicemen were entertained at the New York fraternal center alone, and over one hundred thousand were housed overnight. These activities were made possible by the devoted, patriotic efforts of thousands of Elks, their wives, mothers, daughters and sisters.

Most people will agree that these are worthwhile activities, things that ought to be done. That's what we Elks think, and that's why we do them. We don't do them to escape boredom at home, or at the sacrifice of parental responsibilities. Elks are home builders, family men. Eighty-seven per cent are married, and the average Elk's family includes two children. Seventy per cent of all Elks live in single-family dwellings, and sixty-nine per cent own their own homes.

Perhaps the American family is in trouble. Certainly, your excellent article presents a disturbing picture that will challenge thoughtful citizens. But if the activities of the Elks are a threat to family unity, then we had better re-examine the soundness of our basic ideals of neighborliness, brotherly love, charity, and service to others.

Sincerely yours,



George I. Hall
GRAND EXALTED RULER

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**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS
AGO THIS MONTH
IN THE ELKS
MAGAZINE**



IN HIS first official message in the September, 1923, issue, then-Grand Exalted Ruler McFarland made a request which is as timely now as it was a quarter-century ago. "We have a wonderful magazine", he commented. "In the fullness of our pride in this real accomplishment, let us not fail to yield our every further support."

Since the force of every publication is measured by the readers' interest, that appeal for "every further support" bears repeating.

Arthur Somers Roche, with "The Victim of Amnesia", began a series of mystery stories in our magazine twenty-five years ago. George Middleton, in "Pity the Poor Playwright", recorded the troubles of one of his profession.

"Skinner and the Kill-Joys", by Henry Irving Dodge, was an article in the philosophical vein widely accepted in the Twenties.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Fred Harper contributed a double-spread of the "darker" stories for which he was well known and which he loved to tell. One story was based on the dread which the Southern darky felt for the Ku Klux Klan. Following a recital of the terrifying effect exerted by the ghostly costume of the Klan, the story concluded:

"Jim," said Ben, "what would you do if you got a letter fum dem Klu Kluxes?"

"Who, me?" Jim replied. "I'd read dat letter on a train."

Crippled Children Work was not as widely sponsored in the Order twenty-five years ago as it is today, but "Jim Hawkins Finds A Treasure", by Walter A. Dyer, must have tugged at the heartstrings of many an Elk who read that story of Bobby and his struggle to regain the use of his legs.

The stage and screen pages featured Richard Barthelmess and Dorothy Mackaill in "The Fighting Blade", the Duncan Sisters in "Topsy and Eva", Allan Dinehart, John Halliday and Ruth Shepley in "Two Fellows and a Girl" and Joe Cook in "The Vanities of 1923". Gertrude Lawrence headed the cast of the American production of the "London Revue of 1924", following her success in the same role abroad.

The September, 1923, issue contained two interesting notes of ground broken for buildings of the Order. The first was the start of excavation for our magnificent Elks Memorial Building in Chicago. The second, in the fraternal news section, was the report that the first spadeful had been dug for the \$657,000 new home of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878.

J. S.

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We Present—

OUR new Grand Exalted Ruler, George I. Hall, opens this issue of your Magazine with his first Message to the Order in general and follows it with an open letter to the Editor of Life magazine repudiating a statement made in the July 26th issue of that distinguished publication. Mr. Hall's comments constitute an articulate summary of the aims and achievements of the Elks.

The lead article this month was written by an eminent author and economist, William Henry Chamberlin. An authority on Russia, he has written a sound and informative article on the current diplomatic impasse between the U.S.A. and the USSR. Mr. Chamberlin's analysis will be of intense interest to many.

More pages than usual, this month, are devoted to the fraternal activities of the Order. A brief summary of the many and diversified activities which were conducted during the Grand Lodge Meeting in Philadelphia are touched upon in "Convention Sidelights" on page 10. Pictures of many of the floats which appeared in the sumptuous parade are published. Two of these, to our regret, were not caught by our photographers.

Two years ago we experimented with putting all our fraternal news under one heading and in one section at the back of your Magazine. Although you will still find the lodge news there, other features, in this issue, are scattered at random through the book, increasing the fraternal character of your Magazine.

One of the paramount ceremonies of the Grand Lodge Convention was the Memorial Service. This was conducted this year in solemn ceremony at Philadelphia's First Presbyterian Church. An account of this is contained on page 15.

All the Elks of the United States were saddened recently by the news of the passing of General of the Armies John J. Pershing—a great leader and a devoted Elk. Recognition of this great loss to our Order and country is made on page 17.

Among its many philanthropic activities, perhaps the most outstanding of the Elks National Foundation's works is the scholarship awards made to deserving students throughout the Nation. A full account of the awards made this year, with pictures and biographies of the winning students, as delivered by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin at the Convention, appears on page 19. The Foundation also announces the scholarship contest regulations for 1949 on the preceding page.

For the information of those interested, the list of new District Deputies appointed by Grand Exalted Ruler Hall appears on page 42.

Because of the preponderance of fraternal material in this issue, we have been obliged to eliminate "Its a Man's World" and the "Gadget and Gimmick Department".

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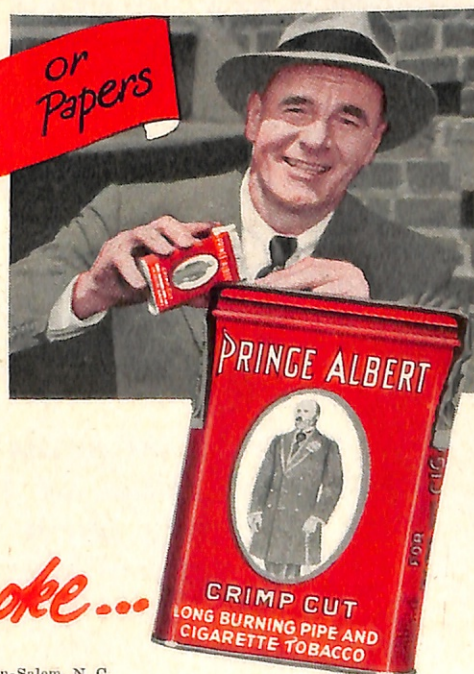


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RUSSIA



BY WILLIAM HENRY CHAMBERLIN

AN AUTHORITY ON RUSSIA ANALYZES THE
THREE BASIC CAUSES OF THE COLD WAR
WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND SUGGESTS
A POSITIVE COURSE FOR THIS COUNTRY

THE United States Government recently dispatched to Moscow the gravest note it has addressed to any foreign power since the eve of Pearl Harbor. The occasion was the blockade by the Russians of the sections of Berlin which are under American, British and French occupation. This blockade of rail and road transportation aims at creating conditions of starvation and industrial paralysis which will force the western powers out of Berlin or compel them to discuss the German problem on Soviet terms.

Key phrases in the American note, re-echoed with minor divergences of phrasing in British and French notes

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on the same subject, are as follows:

"The United States Government categorically asserts that it is in occupation of its sector in Berlin with free access thereto as a matter of established right . . . It further declares that it will not be induced by threats, pressures or other actions to abandon these rights . . . It is intolerable that any one of the occupying authorities should attempt to impose a blockade upon the people of Berlin. The United States Government is therefore obliged to insist that in accordance with existing agreements the arrangements for the movement of freight and passenger traffic between the Western zones and Berlin be fully restored."

Now in diplomacy this is strong language. When one great power addresses another in these terms something has to give. It would be an unbearable humiliation for the United States to slink out of Berlin after asserting publicly in such strong terms its intention to remain.

The Berlin crisis may be settled in some fashion before this article can appear in print, but it is only the most acute of many differences of opinion which have developed between Russia and America since the end of the war. There is a long list of unfinished business on which no agreement has been possible up to the present time. Among the subjects of disagreement are peace treaties with Germany, Austria and Japan; the status of political liberty in east European countries; the situation in Greece and Korea; the international control of atomic energy.

All this adds up to a state of cold war between the two countries. Russia is easily our Number One problem in foreign relations. It will remain so, in all probability, for a long time.

For America and the Soviet Union emerged from the Second World War as indisputably the two strongest powers in the world. A prophecy voiced by a brilliant French observer, Alexis de Tocqueville, in his book, *Democracy in America*, published more than a century ago, has found remarkable fulfillment:

"There are at the present time two great nations in the world, the

Russians and the Americans. The Anglo-American relies upon personal interest to accomplish his ends and gives free scope to the unguided strength and common sense of the people. The Russian centers all the authority of society in a single arm. The principal instrument of the former is freedom, of the latter servitude. Their starting point is different, and their courses are not the same. Yet each of them seems marked out by the will of heaven to sway the destinies of half the globe."

The world shrank as a result of the formidable progress of science and invention during the last war. And while the world was shrinking both the Soviet Union and the United States were expanding.

Despite its "no territorial aggrandizement pledge" under the Atlantic Charter, the Soviet Union has annexed about 270,000 square miles in Europe and Asia, inhabited by some 24 million people. More than that, it has reduced to vassal status a much larger area of eastern and southeastern Europe, and area of more than 600,000 square miles, inhabited by more than 100 million people. Moreover, the masters of the Kremlin can survey the continents of Europe and Asia without seeing a single strong military power which could block the road to further conquests.

The United States has also become more powerful in world affairs than at any time in its history. The Soviet push would have most probably gone much farther if it had not been for the restraint imposed by American troops in Germany and Austria, Japan and Korea, by American warships riding the waves of the Mediterranean. American economic aid to the countries of western Europe has been an important factor in damming the onrushing tide of communism. The United States is inferior to the Soviet Union in mobilized military manpower, but it is far ahead in industrial technology. It still possesses a monopoly in that most terrible of modern weapons: the atomic bomb.

Communists, fellow-travelers and "liberal" shallow-wits who think it

is smart to assume that Uncle Sam is always wrong and Uncle Joe is always right like to represent the United States as the aggressor in the cold war. But any candid study of the evidence leads to an opposite conclusion.

During and immediately after the late war America was desperately, almost pathetically, anxious to believe the best of the Soviet regime. The fallacy was too widely accepted that Russia had become a democracy just because Hitler attacked it. Any questioning of Soviet motives was regarded as akin to treason. An honest reporter's account of what he saw in Russia exposed the author to a conspiracy of abuse by hysterically pro-Soviet reviewers.

The American Government was so eager to "get along" with Stalin that it entered into arrangements which were a grave betrayal of the ideals of freedom, justice and self-determination.

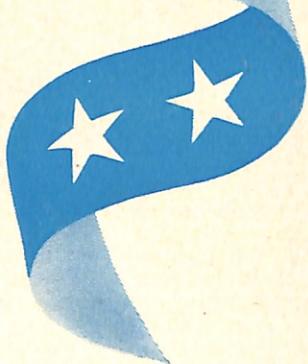
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William Henry Chamberlin is particularly well-qualified to analyze our relations with the Soviet Union. For 12 years, from 1922 to 1934, he was Moscow correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, and subsequently was chief Far Eastern correspondent for this newspaper. He is recognized as an authority on Russia and is the author of several books about the Soviet Union, including Russia's Iron Age and Collectivism—a False Utopia.



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June 25, 1948

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

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Mr. Larry Mangan
B.P.O.E.
New Britain, Conn.

Dear Mr. Mangan:

Once again the patients at this hospital are indebted to you and your organization for an excellent bingo party which was greatly appreciated and enjoyed, you may be sure.

Please accept my thanks for the delightful evening on behalf of all the patients.

Very truly yours,

Catherine A. Potter
Catherine A. Potter
Acting Chairman, VA Voluntary
Advisory Committee

John Allen Wolf, former commentator for Columbia networks, is shown giving out prizes to veterans in the theater on the hospital campus at Montgomery, Alabama. This was part of a "Quiz" show sponsored by the Elks Hospital Committee of the Veterans Service Commission. Music was furnished by the Martha Darden Trio, night club entertainers. H. Fancher Phelps, Chairman of the Hospital Committee for Alabama, is in the foreground, with back to camera.

An inquiry by or concerning an ex-service man or woman should, if possible, give veteran's name and file number, whether C, XC, K, N, or V. If such file number is unknown, service or serial number should be given.



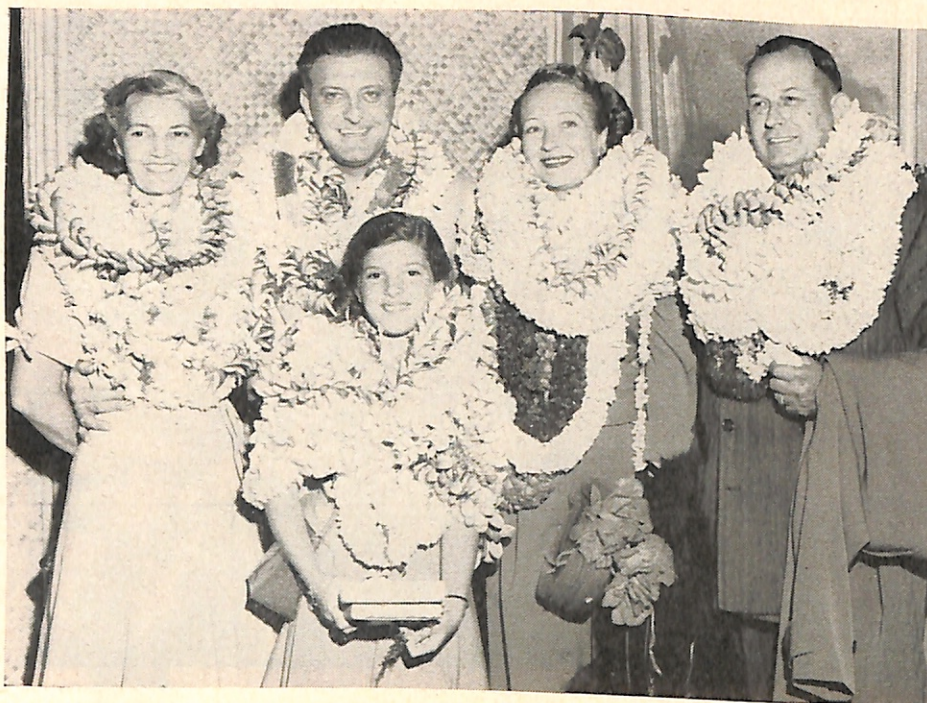
This photograph was taken in one of the three major Veterans Hospitals in Ohio. It records the presentation of a check making it possible for this Hospital to receive two cases of cigarettes each month in 1948. The same gift was made to the other two hospitals in Ohio.



Here are some of the two hundred and fifty veterans who were joined by nurses and WACS at a huge bingo party given at McGuire Veterans Hospital not long ago by the Veterans Service Committee of Richmond, Va., Lodge in cooperation with the Virginia State Elks Assn. and the national Commission.

Hospitalized veterans at the Boise Veterans Hospital enjoy a bingo game provided for their amusement by the Idaho Elks. Standing at the back of the hall, left to right, are Ira H. Masters, Chairman of the Committee, E.R. F. Golden Geertsen of Boise Lodge and William Ames, Vice-Chairman. Sitting center foreground are Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Fenwick who conducted the game. When a player wins a prize at bingo a duplicate prize is given to some bed patient whose name is drawn from a hat. This innovation astounds the bed patients who can't understand how they can win a prize without attending the party.





Leaving Honolulu to attend the Convention, D.D. John C. Linczer with his wife and daughter and P.D.D. and Mrs. Edwin Kilsby.

CONVENTION *Sidelights*



The prize winning trapshooting team of Tillamook, Ore., Lodge examines trophies presented by Ed Farnan of the Philadelphia Lodge.

DURING the course of this Convention many nationwide contests of the Order were held. The Chorus of Hanover, Pa., Lodge won the Glee Club Contest and Terre Haute, Ind., Lodge's Chanters was second. Both these groups were heard frequently during the Convention in impromptu concerts as well as in the Grand Lodge Sessions themselves.

The Quartet Contest was won by a foursome from Terre Haute, with Findlay, Ohio, Lodge's group second. The trapshooting tourney was won by Tillamook, Ore., Lodge's team. Westchester, Pa., Lodge placed and Havre de Grace, Md., Lodge showed.

Gordon R. Reeg, Exalted Ruler of Sturgis, Mich., Lodge, won the Elks National Golf Tournament with the lowest net score of 67. His gross score was 126 which, together with a 59 handicap determined by the Callaway Handicapping System, gave him the lowest net score of the day. Second place honors went to Joseph Wallace of Paterson, N. J., Lodge and Frank H. Bardy of Aberdeen, Wash., who tied with net scores of 71. Mr. Wallace captured the true golfer's prize, low gross trophy, with a gross score of 74. Mr. Bardy, runner-up for low net, also tied in second place for low gross with Lester Carlson, another Aberdeen Elk; they scored a 77. The Best Ball of Foursome went to Aberdeen Lodge, whose members came in with a best ball score of 69. The Hole-in-One Contest was won by Glenn L. Brawner of Nebraska City, Neb., Lodge. The Longest Drive was accomplished by Richard B. Malis of Philadelphia Lodge.

The competition between the Drill Teams resulted in the triumph of Lancaster, Pa., Lodge, which was closely followed in the scoring by Pottstown, Pa., Lodge; Minneapolis, Minn., Lodge was third. The complete results of the Ritualistic Contest were published in the August issue of the Magazine.

Aside from these customary competitions held at the B. P. O. Elks Convention, there were many social events of interest to Elks and their ladies. One of these was a spectacular fashion show and tea held for the lady visitors by the John Wanamaker Store. It was well attended and, we are told, vastly enjoyed by the distaff side.

A gigantic Fourth of July celebration and patriotic demonstration took place in Fairmont Park. This included an Army and Navy program, and contests. An aquatic carnival also was held in which water floats were prominent. Musical entertainment was followed by an immense display of fireworks celebrating Independence Day.

All during the Convention, Philadelphia Lodge held Open House. The

hospitality of the host lodge was shown in continuous entertainment, music, dancing and refreshments. Bridge and other games, with prizes, were always available to those ladies who enjoy the card table.

One of the pleasantest of the social functions prepared by the Convention Committee was a twilight showboat cruise on the historic Delaware River. Entertainment and dancing were provided aboard the *Delaware Belle*.

All during the five-day session there were held, in the various fine hotels in the Convention City, official breakfasts, luncheons, dinners and receptions.

Among the many State organizations which gave delightful parties were the following: Arkansas, Virginia, Missouri, California, New Jersey, New York, Colorado, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Kentucky, North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota and the New England States.

On Monday the Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect, George I. Hall, was host to the Exalted Rulers of the subordinate lodges. While this luncheon was taking place, Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis entertained his District Deputies at a similar function.

On Wednesday, there was a grand outing and picnic at Grakelow Farm in Hartville, Pa. Chartered buses left the Bellevue-Stratford, taking participants to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow's beautiful estate with the minimum of inconvenience.

On Thursday, the members of the Order put on their gilded trappings and marched up Broad Street in a color-splashed finale to the 84th Grand Lodge Convention. Thousands of Philadelphians turned out to line the parade route to City Hall and then out to the Parkway to the Art Museum. They sprinkled confetti down from office windows on the floats and their pretty girls, the smartly uniformed bands and the many marching delegations. All in all, it was one of the biggest and most impressive parades in Elk history.

There were six divisions, led by Lt. Col. John J. Owens of Philadelphia Lodge, the Marshal, and by a mounted police escort. There were 20 floats. One from York, Pa., showed large pictures of the four heroic chaplains who gave away their life-belts and went down with the *USS Dorchester*. One of these chaplains was Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, who was a member of York Lodge before he went to war and died aboard his ship. The others who sacrificed their lives with him were two Protestant ministers, Rev. George L. Fox and Rev. Clark V. Poling, the latter a Philadelphian, and Rev. John P. Washington, a Catholic Priest. A banner on the float



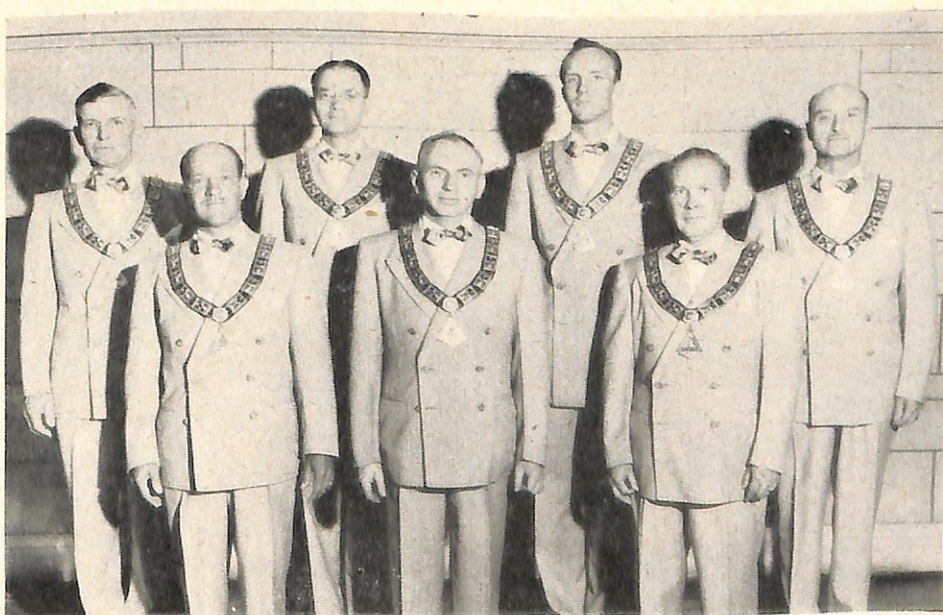
Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell as he appeared on an NBC television program with W. W. Chaplin and John MacVane of NBC.

read, "They died nobly so that others might live nobly in brotherhood."

A California float delineated the virtues of that State, from the discovery of gold in 1848 to the present. The beautiful foliage and other attractions of Oregon were exploited by a float manned by the Tillamook delegation. North Dakota emphasized the Elk principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, and displayed a huge clock set at the hour of eleven.

Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge toasted the new Grand Exalted Ruler, one of its members, with placards proclaiming, "Let George do it; we pledge our support." Patchogue, N. Y., Lodge added a quaint touch to the procession with its contingent of ladies and gentlemen in old-fashioned dress riding a horse car. They represented "the first Elks clambake, 1868". The New York Elks Association was out in full force with its float of tulips, wind-

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The Ritualistic Team of Pocatello, Ida., Lodge captured the honors at the 1948 Convention.



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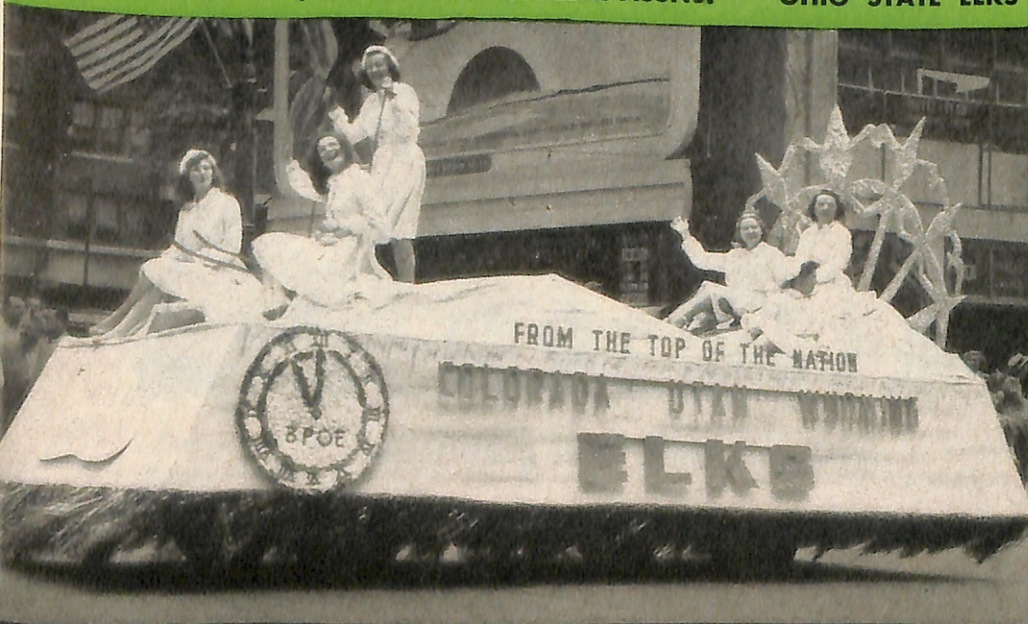
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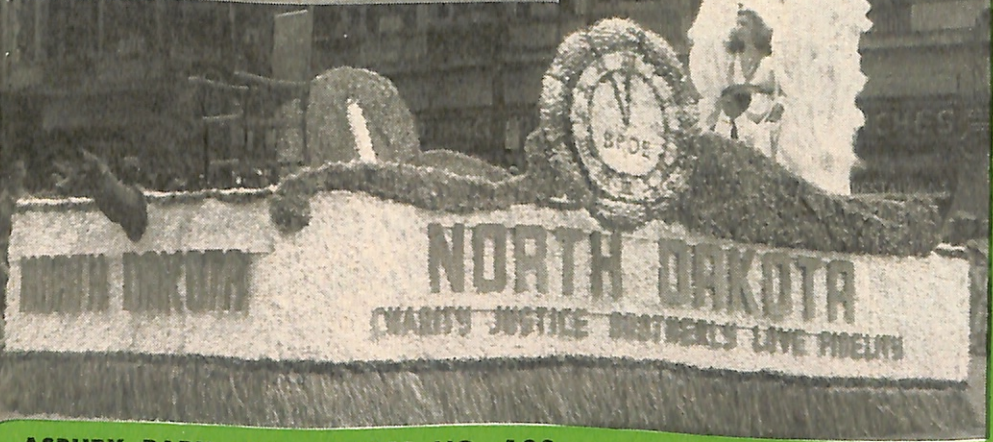
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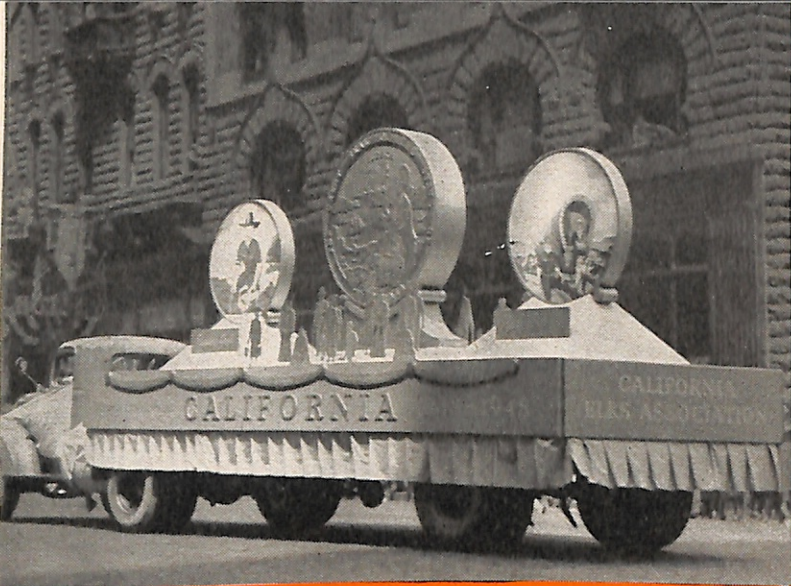


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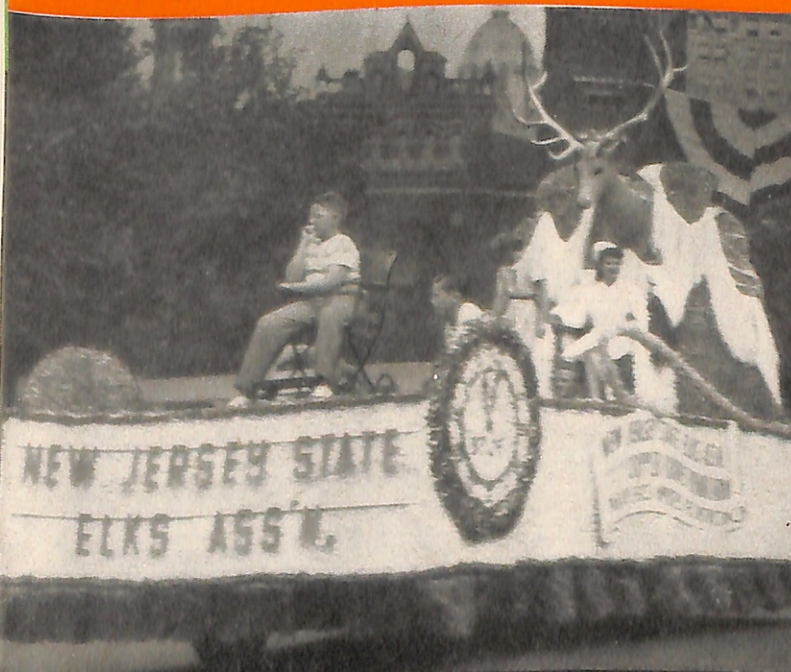
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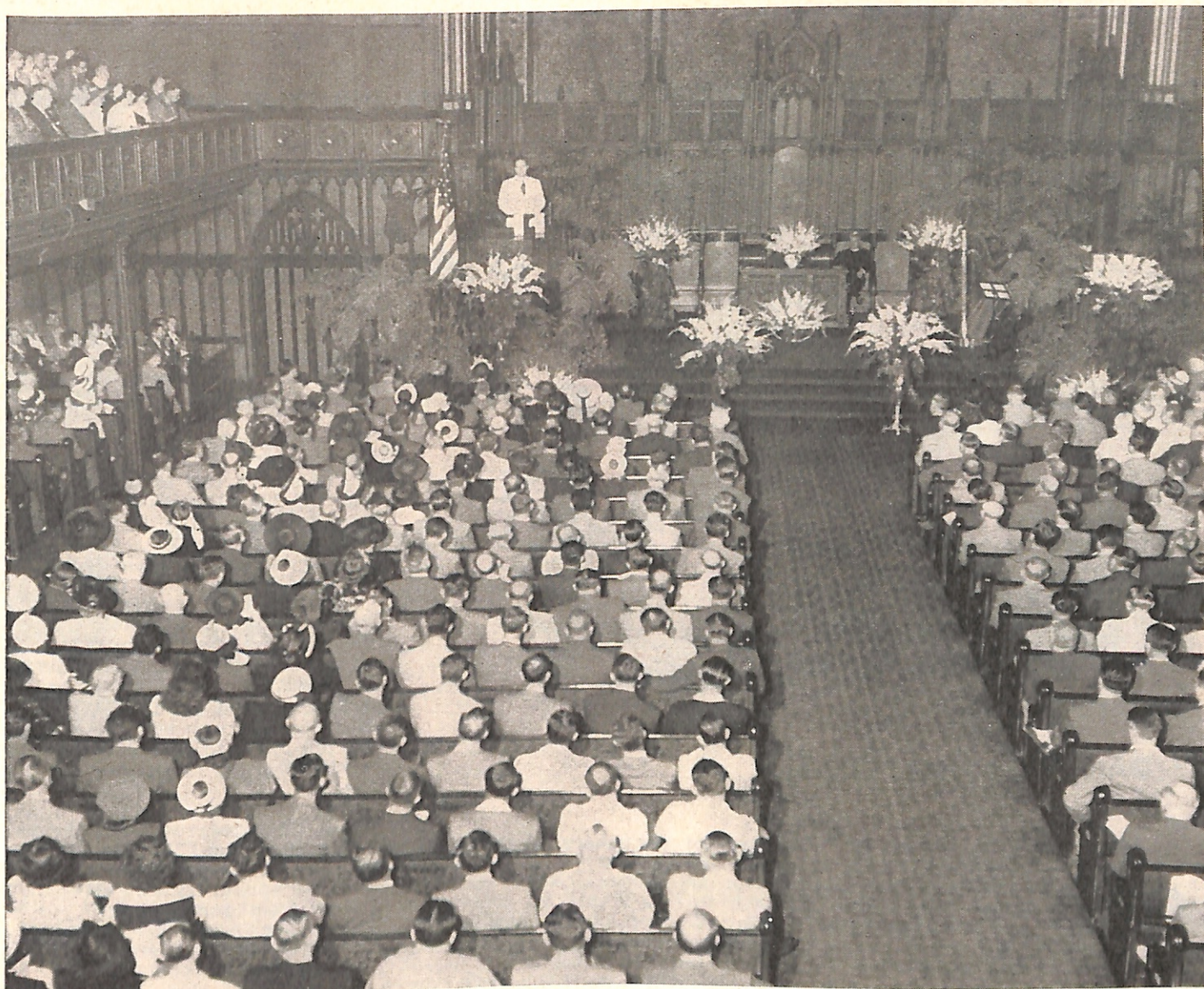


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PATCHOGUE, N. Y., LODGE, NO. 1823





The First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, at the Memorial Service held by the Grand Lodge.

THE GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL SERVICES

ON THE morning of Wednesday, July 7, at the traditional hour of eleven, the Elks 84th Grand Lodge Session in Philadelphia suspended its business activities and directed its attention to the Memorial Service which is customarily held for departed members of the Order at each meeting of the Grand Lodge.

This solemn and impressive service was held in the First Presbyterian Church, close by the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, the official Headquarters for the Convention. The historic old church was beautifully decorated with palms, cibotiums, tree ferns and thousands of prize-winning white gladioli, and was filled to capacity. It was estimated that two thousand people were unable to hear the service, so great was the desire of the visiting delegates and their families to attend.

The ancient doors were opened at 10:30 and for the next half hour an

organ recital was given by Miss Ruth Hines. Selections from Bach, Brahms, Rowley and Franck were on the program.

As the bells tolled eleven, the Grand Lodge of Sorrow was opened by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Edward J. McCormick, Chairman of the Committee in charge of the Memorial Service, and Grand Chaplain Rev. J. B. Dobbins delivered the invocation.

The program, which was largely musical, began with Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer", sung by Miss Hallie Nowland, the possessor of a beautiful soprano voice. A cello and harp duet, the "Berceuse" from Jocelyn, was played by Messrs. Thomas Elmer and Anthony Bove, and then a quartet sang Brahms' "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place". The talented quartet group, was made up of Miss Nowland, soprano, Miss Nancy Fishburn, contralto, Robert Grooters,

baritone, and William Carroll, tenor.

Miss Fishburn followed the Brahms hymn with "O Rest In The Lord" by Mendelssohn.

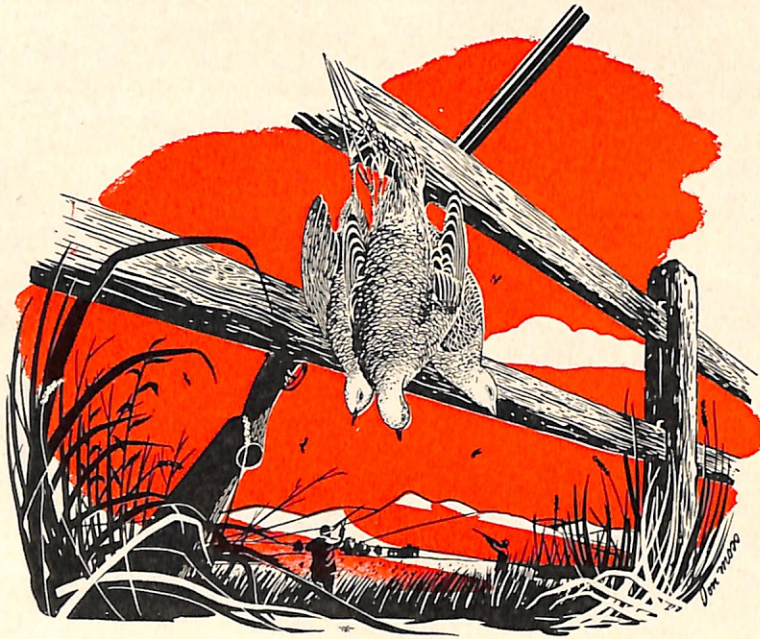
The Memorial Address was delivered by Past Exalted Ruler Albert L. Doyle of South Bend, Ind., Lodge, No. 235, eulogizing those members who had passed on during the year, and including an Eleven O'Clock Toast moving in its simplicity.

At the conclusion of Brother Doyle's address, the quartet sang De-Koven's "Recessional", and then Messrs. Elmer and Bove played the Schubert-Wilhelmi "Ave Maria". The baritone, Mr. Grooters, followed with "There Is No Death". At the conclusion of this famous work, the quartet rose to sing again, this time intoning the lovely "Psalm 150", by Cesar Franck.

The Memorial Service was closed with a Benediction delivered by Grand Chaplain Dobbins.

ROD and GUN

How do you like Holland as quarry in a dove-shoot?



BY DAN HOLLAND



THE Owens River of California runs through a broad colorful valley bounded by high mountains and inhabited by a unique people who subsist on trout and trout fishermen in spring and summer, and on game and hunters during the fall and winter.

The mountains bordering the eastern side of the valley are in Nevada. These are typically arid, and little if any moisture descends from their sun-baked slopes into the valley. But the western boundary of the valley is different. Toward the setting sun are the jagged peaks of the High Sierra, and from the cool forests and icy lakes of these beautiful mountains tumble any number of sparkling streams filled with trout. These waters join along the valley floor to form the Owens River. In spite of this abundance of pure water there is surprisingly little agriculture in the Owens River valley, the reason being that the City of Los Angeles controls most of the precious water rights, and Los Angeles is interested in water for drinking and power, not for irrigating. Neither is there industry along the Owens. This picturesque valley, then, and the tumbling streams, the blue lakes, the lush meadows and parks of the adjoining High Sierra aren't of much account—except as a vast play-

ground for the fisherman, the camper and the hunter.

Any man who follows outdoor sports will find this an agreeable setting. When the valley folk gather in town on a Saturday night, the talk is not so much of current stock prices or grain futures as it is of trout-fly patterns and shotgun bores. The only possible drawback to such a congenial atmosphere is that a person must guard his tongue. Every man, woman or child with whom he talks is a potential competitor for the game and fish of the area; so a fellow doesn't brag openly about his discovery of a mountain-meadow pond swarming with trout, or speak too specifically about the hole in the gorge where he turned over a lunker. Such secrets are taken seriously by Californians.

There are exceptions to this rule, though, and Eddie was one of them. He knew so many good trout holes and his fishing ability was such that he could afford to be generous. Eddie still came out ahead. I was one of the fortunates he took to his favorite places, and we had some mighty fine fishing during July and August.

BUT by the last day of August I was worried. The local dove season opened at noon on September first. I had a new shotgun and big ideas about how to use it, but as yet I hadn't been able to locate any doves. And Eddie wasn't talking. Maybe he hadn't done as much dove shooting as trout fishing, and if he knew where they were he was keeping it

quiet. That afternoon I ran him down in a local sporting goods store where, as usual, he and Dave, the proprietor, were talking about fishing. Dave, I knew, was as interested in locating some birds as I was, and while we had him cornered I figured there was no time to lose.

"There don't seem to be many doves around here," I commented.

"Doves?" asked Eddie, as though the word were new to him. He was thoughtful a moment, then asked, "Have you done much dove shooting?"

"I've shot a few in the South," I admitted, "but I've never tried it out here. I suppose the birds act the same."

"How do you hunt them during the middle of the day back there?"

"You don't," I answered, "if you have any choice. Smart dove hunters take the pass shooting in the morning and evening and knock off during the midday hours. When a dove is pecking around in a field or just sitting in the open sunning himself, he's not going to let a man walk up on him. You have to let him come to you."

"Supposing you don't have any choice, like tomorrow when the season opens at noon?" he went on.

"Then I'd get together several fellows and spread out and drive them around from gun to gun."

Dave got the pitch and broke in, "A hunter wouldn't stand much of a chance alone, would he?"

"Okay, okay," Eddie laughed. "You two are about as subtle as a couple of hungry dogs. Close up shop for a few minutes, Dave, and let's hop in the car. I have something that may interest you fellows."

And that's when Eddie showed us the big barley field swarming with a thousand doves. He showed it to us at a sixty-mile-an-hour clip. "There may be someone watching us and we don't want to be too obvious about this place," he said as we whizzed by with the throttle on the floor boards. "No point in letting anyone else find these doves." Eddie wouldn't even slow down and turn around until we had continued down the road several miles and the coast was clear both ways. "Someone might see us," he explained.

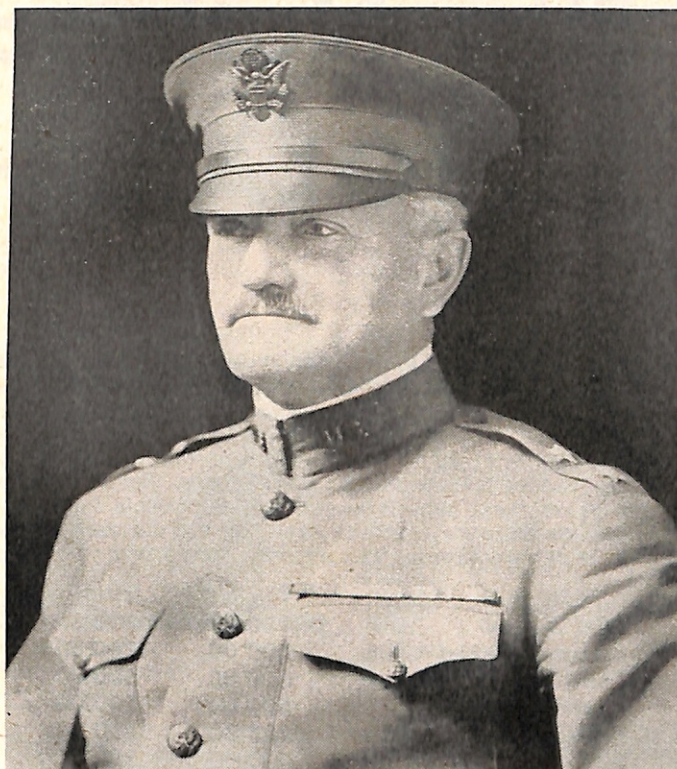
As we roared back past we got a hurried look at hundreds of doves sitting along the wires and in the willow clumps and moving in small flocks about the barley stubble. This was going to be something.

I like the spirit of these people in the Owens valley. The opening day of the dove season, or any other season, would obviously be a lucrative one for a sporting goods store. Lots of hunters forget their shells or other

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General PERSHING— a Great LEADER a Devoted ELK



THE passing in July of General of the Armies John Joseph Pershing recalled to senior members of the Order the great tribute paid to the Elks by the Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in France on his arrival in New York, September, 1919. At that historic time, General Pershing, a member of El Paso, Texas, Lodge, No. 187, expressed his personal appreciation of the work done by the Order during World War I by attending a reception held in his honor at New York Lodge No. 1. This was the only private reception the General attended immediately after his return from France.

General Pershing and his staff arrived on the *Leviathan* on the morning of September 8. Included on the reception boat which went down New York Bay to meet the *Leviathan* were Grand Exalted Ruler Frank L. Rain and a Special Committee. Thus, from the moment of his arrival, the Order was to participate in the Nation's tribute to one of its great tactical leaders.

On the evening of September 9, Grand Lodge officers and the Reception Committee escorted General Pershing from his suite in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to the home of New York Lodge No. 1, where a reception was held in the Lodge Room. The address of welcome was given by Mr. Rain, who said, "A few moments ago I came into this building with General Pershing. I now greet him as Brother Pershing . . . We of

this fraternal Order take great pride in the fact that we had 70,000 members in the service, 13,000 of whom were commissioned officers . . . For two years prior to the signing of the Armistice we as an organization did little more than war work . . . We gave of our members freely; we gave of our funds, and almost 500 of our Homes were turned over to the Red Cross and kindred organizations for war work . . . While we are filled with pride at the work that our Order did, we bow our heads in solemn reverence and respect to the 1037 brave boys, members of our Order, who made the Supreme Sacrifice".

General Pershing then replied, "No one knows better than an Elk what the Order stands for, and appreciating, as I do, just what the vows of an Elk require him to do, prescribing in many ways the conduct of his life, I can readily appreciate and do appreciate the great work that has been accomplished by this Order.

"We who were fortunate enough to be sent to the battlefields of Europe to represent our people felt that we had a united nation behind us, and *I know of no organization or body of men whose patriotism, whose loyalty and whose benevolence have contributed in a greater degree to making that a possibility.* We have not only felt the spirit of your patriotism but we have felt the material benefit of your efforts to carry forward the principles for which America has stood in the war.

"I am proud to be able to say this

to you so soon after my return to the homeland, and I wish to congratulate you, and Elks everywhere, for what you have done.

"I thank you for this reception, which I accept only in the name of those two million men who accompanied me abroad and made possible the victory which we have brought home to present to you. I simply close by saying, I thank you".

TWENTY-TWO years later in 1941 when we were on the eve of another World War, the Order again paid tribute to this great Brother by initiating a class of candidates called the Pershing Class. This class was a great success and added 25,000 to the membership. At the Grand Lodge Session in Philadelphia that year, Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch presented a bronze plaque to General Pershing, who was represented at the Convention by Brigadier General William McCain. Then, in a dramatic moment, General Pershing spoke from his bed in the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, over a national radio network, to the 5,000 people assembled in Independence Square for the Opening Session. These proved to be the farewell words of General Pershing to his Brothers, but the memory of his great accomplishments, the strategical concepts that placed him with Washington, Grant and Jackson, and his devotion to the Order always will be a source of pride to the members of his Fraternity.

Elks National Foundation SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

THE Elks National Foundation Trustees announce that TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS in scholarship awards will be distributed at the 1949 Grand Lodge Session. This announcement of the "Most Valuable Student" awards should be of interest to the students of every community who are leaders in their schools and colleges. For more than fifteen years these awards have made it possible for many superior students to continue their college courses under favorable circumstances. The awards offered this year are:

	Boys	Girls
First Award	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Second Award	700.00	700.00
Third Award	600.00	600.00
Fourth Award	500.00	500.00
Fifth Award	400.00	400.00
Five \$300 Awards.....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Five \$200 Awards.....	1,000.00	1,000.00
Five \$100 Awards.....	500.00	500.00
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	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00

ELIGIBILITY

Any student in the senior class of a high or college preparatory school, or in any undergraduate class of a recognized college, who is a resident within the jurisdiction of the Order, may file an application.

MERIT STANDARDS

Scholarship, citizenship, personality, leadership, perseverance, resourcefulness, patriotism and general worthiness are the criteria by which these young applicants will be judged.

FORM OF APPLICATION

The Foundation Trustees furnish a blank entitled "Memorandum of Required Facts", which must be filled out in typewriting and made a part of the student's presentation. The Trustees do not furnish any other blank nor do they insist on any special form of application or presentation. They prefer that each applicant use his own ingenuity in presenting his case. Experience has shown that the interests of the applicant are advanced and the time of the Trustees is conserved by orderly, concise and chronological presentation on paper approximately 8½" x 11" (the usual business-letter size), bound neatly at the left side in a standard binder or cover (8¾" x 11½") which can be procured at any stationery store. Remove all letters from envelopes and *bind the letters flat*. Exhibits evidencing notable achievements in dramatics, literature, athletics, leadership, community service or other activities may be attached, but the applicant should avoid submitting repetitious accounts of the same aptitude.

In addition to the "Memorandum of Required Facts", which should be first in the cover, we suggest as essential details the following, preferably in the order indicated:

1. Recent photograph of the applicant. (Not a snapshot.)

2. A statement of not more than 300 words prepared by the applicant in his own handwriting, summarizing activities and accomplishments which the applicant thinks qualify him for one of the awards.

3. A letter of not over 200 words from a parent or other person having knowledge of the facts, presenting a picture of the family situation and showing the applicant's need of financial assistance to continue in school.

4. The applicant's educational history from first year of high or college preparatory school to date of application, supported by school certificates signed by the proper school authority, showing the courses taken, the grades received and the rank of the applicant in the class. The different methods of grading in the schools of the country make it desirable that the school authority, in addition to furnishing the formal certificates, state the applicant's average in figures on the basis of 100% for perfect.

5. A comprehensive letter of recommendation covering character, personality and scholarship of the applicant from at least one person in authority in each school.

6. Two or three letters of endorsement from responsible persons, not related to applicant, who have had an opportunity personally to observe the applicant and who can give worthwhile opinion of the character, industry, purposefulness, disposition and general worthiness of the applicant.

7. A letter of endorsement signed by the Exalted Ruler or Secretary of the subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction of which the applicant is resident, *stating that he has reviewed the application and verifies the substantial accuracy of the statements contained therein.*

Applications that do not conform substantially to the foregoing requirements will not be considered.

Only students of outstanding merit, who show an appreciation of the value of an education and who are willing to struggle to achieve success, have a chance to win our awards. Experience indicates that a scholarship rating of 90% or better and a relative standing in the upper ten per cent of the applicant's class are necessary to make the group that will be given final consideration for the awards.

FILING OF APPLICATIONS

The application, verified by the proper subordinate lodge officer, must be filed on or before March 1, 1949, with the Secretary of the State Elks Association of the State in which the applicant is resident, in order that it may be judged by the Scholarship Committee of said Association and, if approved as one of the quota of applications allotted to the State, be forwarded to our Chairman not later than April 1, 1949.

The officers of the subordinate lodges are requested to give notice of this offer to the principals of the high and preparatory schools and the deans of the colleges in their vicinity, and to cause this announcement to be published in the lodge bulletin. Members are requested to bring this announcement to the attention of qualified students.

Requests for blanks and other information should be addressed to John F. Malley, Chairman, 16 Court Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED BEFORE MARCH 1, 1949

The Supplementary Report of the ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

THE Supplementary Report of the Elks National Foundation was delivered to the Grand Lodge Convention in Philadelphia, Pa., by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin, Vice-Chairman of the Foundation, who said: "Since we inaugurated the contest for the 'Most Valuable Student' Scholarships, each year has brought us a greater number of young men and young women in the marching procession of youth in quest of education. This year has been no different, and it has been our task, as Trustees of the Foundation, to evaluate the scholastic records of 95 girls and 75 boys, none of whom had a record of less than 90 per cent for four years of high school work, and many of whom were close to perfection in all branches of those divisions of valuation that we applied in arriving at our decisions.

"Applications were filed with the Board for our scholarship awards by students graduating from high school in 40 of the 48 States, as well as from Alaska and Hawaii. This shows a wide-spread interest in our scholarships among the students of the United States and it is with great pride that we examine the applications of what we believe must be the cream of the youthful crop of all of the schools of our country.

"In view of the many scholarship awards granted by the Foundation, it would take entirely too long to report the details of each and every one of the scholars to whom we have made the respective awards. But I think it would be only fair that you should know the details applying to our first boy and first girl winners, for they are indeed two remarkable students. So far as the other applicants and awards are concerned, I must content myself with merely giving you the names and the amounts of the awards to each one.

"Our first boy winner will be eighteen years of age on the second day of next month. He is one of the youngest of the children in a family of eight children and has never known his own father. For seventeen years the mother and eight children have striven alone to maintain life by hard work and constant application of their attention to the necessity. There were many times in this family when there was not enough food to go around, so it was shared by the younger children while the older ones went without, and many a night they went to bed quietly crying with hunger gnawing. This family really knew many times what hunger and want were. This boy himself, ever since he was capable, has been a newspaper carrier; has been the junior counselor of the Y.M.C.A. Boys Camp at \$20 a month, janitor for the Board of Education of his school at \$4.50 a week, office and garage work for the State Conservation Department at \$32.50 per week, high school sports and news reporter for the local paper at 8 cents per inch and also has done odd jobs, distributing hand bills, doing carpentry, painting and landscaping.

"In curricular activities, he was a member of the
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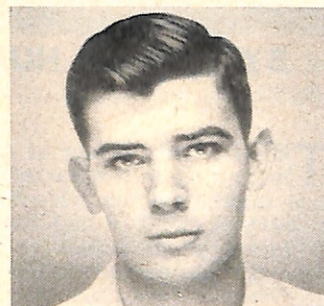
FIRST PRIZE
Katherine L. White
Collingswood, N. J.



FIRST PRIZE
Walter M. Firra
Herkimer, N. Y.



SECOND PRIZE
Patsy Joan Addington
Kelso, Wash.



SECOND PRIZE
Michael Thomas Panos
Houston, Tex.



THIRD PRIZE
Dorothea Ruth Drews
Butler, Pa.



THIRD PRIZE (Tied)
James Robert Calvin
Peru, Ind.



FOURTH PRIZE
Helen Mae Huttunen
Duluth, Minn.



THIRD PRIZE (Tied)
Carl F. Eiberger, Jr.
Denver, Colo.



FIFTH PRIZE
Nancy E. Wolper
Brookline, Mass.



FIFTH PRIZE
Emil John Volcheck, Jr.
Omaha, Nebr.

What America is Reading

Mr. Cronin and Mr. Linklater

contribute novels of distinction

BY ALBERT HUBBELL

THE literary career of A. J. Cronin is a study in the harmful effects of too much success. He began, after a part of his life had been spent as a doctor of medicine, as a sensitive and craftsmanlike artist of the old-fashioned school of solid novel-writing: then, instead of growing in literary stature, he sort of froze into a maker of novelized patterns, like a superior Lloyd Douglas. Since *Hatter's Castle*, published seventeen years ago to considerable critical acclaim, he has steadily gone on producing these formularized, well thought-out and often over-written novels which have consistently rolled up enormous sales (although the critics have become progressively less enthusiastic) and have usually found their way to the factories of Hollywood. I am afraid, too, that this succession of novels, as far as quality or freshness of thought go, has been inclined downward. The new one, however, which is called *Shannon's Way* is a turn for the better, and I'm very happy to report it. Anyway, it's a good cut above the overly sentimental and basically pointless *The Keys of the Kingdom*.

The story is typical Cronin. A young Scotch doctor and medical researcher, Robert Shannon (he is the "Robie" of *The Green Years*, now grown up) discovers an important connection between the *bacillus* of Malta fever (influenza) and a prevalent and destructive sickness among cattle, and sets himself the goal of finding a vaccine to cure the disease. Of course, he has no money, and his selfless struggle in the interest of science is the burden of the tale. The struggle is complicated and made more onerous by a love affair between the young doctor and one of his students, a girl named Jean Law. The rub there is that Jean is a protestant, from a strict and God-fearing home, as only Scottish households—in novels, anyway—can be. And Robert—but need you Cronin-readers be told?—is a Catholic. Jean's parents have ear-marked her for a medical missionary to Africa; they won't hear of her marrying out of their faith, and the reader is then in for a long drawn-out and mighty wear-

some, if you ask me, recital of the uneven course that true love takes—especially trying because you know very well how things are going to work out in the end. I said, though, that the novel is superior to Cronin's later work, and, in the parts about Robert's medical work, (which is scientifically accurate, by the way) and in its portrayal of the dedicated man—the *Arrowsmith* parts, you might say—it is very good. The upshot of the recital of all that is not the conventional happy ending—though I suspect the movies will fix that. But why must there always be these interminable unhappy love affairs? Is there an unwritten law for novelists that says there must? (*Little, Brown, \$3.00*)

THE ART OF ADVENTURE by Eric Linklater

Eric Linklater, who is best known in this country for his novel, *Juan In America*, and who hasn't, I'm afraid, done anything since to surpass that book, has a collection of essays out called *The Art of Adventure*. This is a book that the author wrote, I suspect, more to keep his hand in than anything else, but there are several good things in it. Among them are a fine portrait of General Alexander—painted as a sort of battle-piece, an amusing account of an adventure in Gibraltar during the war in which the author was accompanied by the actor, Sir Ralph Richardson, and a

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Shannon's Way

A NOVEL BY

A.J. CRONIN

AUTHOR OF *The Keys of the Kingdom* & *The Green Years*



Fraternal, military and civic leaders join the Order's Grand Exalted Ruler, L. A. Lewis, and the country's

Chief Executive, Harry S. Truman, in honoring our Flag at impressive patriotic ceremonies in San Francisco, Calif.

A Tribute TO OLD GLORY

UP until the very minute of his leaving for the Grand Lodge Convention in Philadelphia, retiring Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis made visitations to the subordinate lodges. One of these visits was to San Francisco, Calif., Lodge, No. 3, for its annual Flag Day Exercises when, under blue skies, Old Glory was honored at Golden Gate Park by 40,000 men, women and children.

In an address climaxing a year of inspirational, patriotic speeches, Mr. Lewis reminded his audience of the beginnings of our great Order, when the principles of Elkdom did

much to heal the wounds caused by the Civil War. He stressed the importance of these principles in meeting the situations which confront our country, and the world, today.

Mayor Elmer E. Robinson, a member of the host lodge, was there to welcome the huge crowd, and the Elks Glee Club, the Golden Gate Park Band and soprano soloist Madelyn Chance provided a pleasant musical background to this program, the beautiful Elks Flag Day Ritual being effectively executed by the officers of San Francisco under E.R. Eugene J. Corbett.

The Flag Day Address was delivered by President Harry S. Truman, a member of Kansas City, Mo., Lodge. Breaking his rule against making Sunday speeches, the country's Chief Executive emphasized to the audience the importance of international co-operation necessary in the solution of present-day problems of the world, and the vital part the United Nations must take in these affairs.

Flanking the Presidential Chair were many of the highest military dignitaries of our country: Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, General of the Army H. H. Arnold, General Mark Clark, Vice Admiral Jesse Oldendorf, Air Force Major-General John Upston, Marine Major-General Leroy Hunt and many other officers in all branches of our country's service.

New York Lodge's UN ESSAY CONTEST

ONE of the most colorful and interesting ceremonies ever staged in a United Nations council chamber at Lake Success, took place on June 11th, when six prizes of \$100 each, diplomas and gifts were presented to the youthful winners of the Essay Contest sponsored by New York Lodge No. 1.

Five of the six winners, ranging in age from nine to 13 years, were on hand; the sixth winner forgot to sign his name or address and could not be located. However, his prizes await his claim. In this program, arranged by the Co-Chairmen of the American Activities Committee of No. 1 Lodge, P.E.R. Phelps Phelps and I. Arthur Ganger, the competitors were the sons and daughters of the UN Delegates, UN Secretariat, Specialized Agencies and Accredited Correspondents. The contest was open to children of three age groups, ranging from nine to 16.

The winners were: George Townsend of Port Washington, N. Y., the son of a World War I veteran who is a Trustee of the United Nations,

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Children of the UN delegates and Secretariat members who won the essay contest on "What I think of Life in the USA" sponsored by New York Lodge, hand their prizes of \$100 each to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt as their contribution to the UN Appeal for Children. An additional \$100 was contributed by the Elks. Left to right: Joan Anne Ploth, U.S., George Klems, Czechoslovakia, George Townsend, Australia, Alexi Sossinsky, USSR, and Marjolys de Beus, the Netherlands.

Ed Faust

IN THE DOGHOUSE



Dachshund puppies photographed by Ylla.

Mr. Faust claims he's running out of ideas. He resorts to the mail bag

AFTER doing these screeds about dogs for some ten years, and trying to avoid being repetitious, each month finds the space I call my mind as empty as a pauper's purse, when it comes to ideas.

In some way (don't ask me how; I couldn't tell you) I've managed to come up with something each month which—so far, at least—has brought no time bombs in my fan mail. For such patience on my parishoners' part, I am deeply grateful.

This month I am going to go into further detail on a subject which I discussed in these pages about eight or nine years ago. While there isn't much about dogs that is new, since that time I have found much that was new to me about people. Because of the close association between dogs and humans, the pup has attracted to himself more cockeyed beliefs and misconceptions than any other animal. As I have philosophized previously in these pages, it is one of the strange quirks of human behavior to accept readily any and all misconceptions—and cling to them. Particularly is this true if it contains the slightest element of the fearful, the weird or the colorful. The late Mr. Hitler learned of this weakness and, as you may recall, sounded off to the effect that, if a lie is told often enough, in

time it is believed to be the truth. Of course, his kind of lies caused untold suffering, while those told about dogs have only minor effects.

I have previously mentioned the following two matters because they do not affect directly, in many cases, human regard for dogs. The first baloney belief is that certain dogs are marked for viciousness. This is unfair to many breeds, particularly to those officially classified as working dogs. I mean "working dogs" in a literal sense because all of these were developed for working purposes and many of them are still used that way. Outstanding among them are the Collie, the Chow-Chow, the German Shepherd, etc. Many of these were developed to herd cattle or sheep, to haul sleds or wagons, and the scenes of their development were usually in lonely farming areas or other parts of the earth which were sparsely populated. The dogs developed on farms were not only trained to be assistant herdsmen, but played a necessary part as guards and watchdogs. The sled dogs, of course, were those used in the lonely areas of the Far North. Some of these were used not only to pull sleds containing their nomadic masters' belongings, but, where the masters had settled down and acquired herds, such as caribou—pe-

culiar to races living close to or within the Arctic Circle—were and are used to shepherd such herds. The fact that many of these working breeds were developed where strangers were few, and always objects of suspicion, accounts for the independence of these breeds and the prompt resentment on their part against strangers' handling them. That characteristic is ingrained in the nature of such dogs, but the breeds themselves are not vicious any more than any particular race of man is noted as a bad actor.

The fact that most dogs are friendly and do like most people emphasizes any departure from such conduct and damns the breed as a whole. The biting dog represents a departure from the normal and creates in the minds of some people a belief that the entire breed is unreliable.

ANOTHER misbelief that bobs up in my mail every so often in the form of an inquiry has to do with the intelligence of various breeds. Occasionally I am asked, "Is such-and-such breed smart or stupid?" There is no one breed smarter than another, nor is there any that numbers in its ranks a preponderance of fat-heads. Each dog, no matter what the breed, is a personality as individualistic as is a person. You will find smart dogs and stupid dogs among all breeds. Much of the dog's intelligence depends on how well his master has learned to know him and the kind of training the dog has received. This leads me to mention the reason why I always advise against using baby talk to a dog. I don't claim that any pooch is going to become a master of the language you use, but when you talk to your dog, talk as you would to a grown person. He won't understand involved sentences, but in time, if he isn't a complete nitwit, he will understand certain words which for him become key words and he will get the drift of what you are saying.

Of course, your conversation with your dog will not involve subjects of international interest, but should concern those things that relate directly to him. By this I mean subjects dealing with his meals, his exercise periods, his duties as guardian or watchman, his toys, and other kindred matters.

One of the wrong-headed beliefs—and you will be surprised how devoutly it is held by otherwise intelligent persons—is that there is something wrong about a person who doesn't like dogs, or vice-versa. I've known scores of trustworthy, good people who just didn't like dogs or, for reasons known only to dogs, were

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ELK NEWSLETTER

★ WASHINGTON

America's school teachers did such a fine job with the wartime registrations that Uncle Sam is getting ready to ask their help again. This time it's the census. The next big population and agriculture count is scheduled for April, 1950, and will provide the basis for determining State representations in Congress.

The last census of any sort was the Census of Agriculture in 1945. It wasn't too good. Employment conditions made staffing difficult, personnel turnover was excessive, the work was poorer and costs mounted with the resulting delays.

It is fear of a repetition of these conditions in 1950 which is making Census Bureau officials turn to the teachers. Some 123,000 enumerators will be needed, they point out, but only for a brief period. If they could be drawn from a professional group, able to read maps and understand and follow written instructions, it is argued, the accuracy and completeness of the coverage in 1950 could be improved greatly.

Following out this line of reasoning, Census Bureau officials have begun discussions with school leaders. Their goal is an adjustment of school calendars for 1949-50 to allow a week of free time between April 1 and April 15--providing the teachers can find use for a little extra cash.

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A Commerce branch headed for reduced activities because of budget slash is the Office of Technical Services, which handled more than 85,000 requests for information about industrial processes last year. The major activity of this office is the acquisition and distribution of hundreds of thousands of technical reports and documents from domestic and foreign sources. John C. Green, OTS director, estimates that American business will have purchased more than \$1,000,000 worth of OTS reports by the end of this fiscal year.

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Exploration of the tight steel situation has brought an interesting revelation from the National Auto Wreckers Association. Called to conference here, offi-

cials of the association reported that whereas the average age of vehicles sent to wrecking yards before the war was five years, the average auto is twelve years old today before the wrecker gets it. As a result, the wrecking industry is handling some 500,000 cars a year while it has the facilities to process 3,000,000.

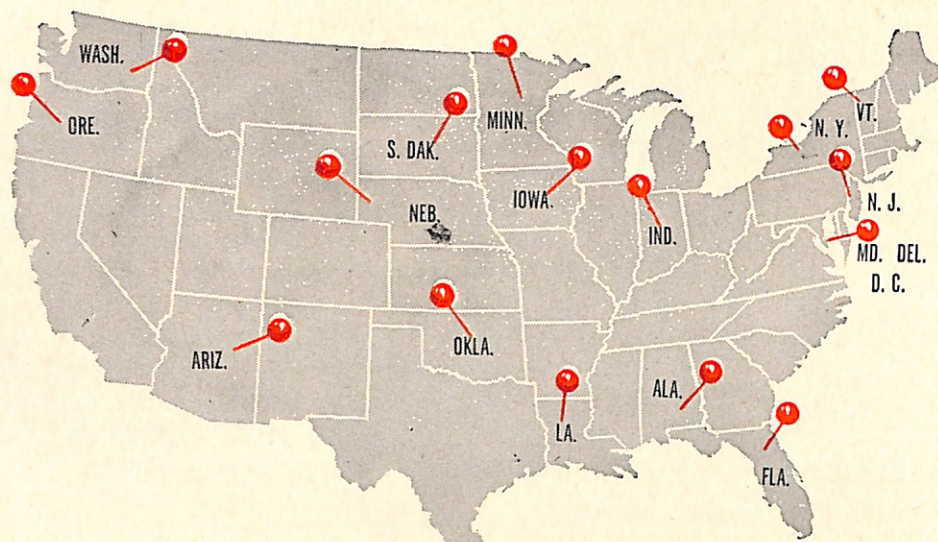
Two suggestions were advanced for solving this difficulty. The first, to encourage local authorities to make a drive to rid the Nation's streets and vacant lots of abandoned vehicles; the second, to increase the number of old cars available for dismantling by more careful enforcement of local safety inspection regulations.

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Steel shortages continue to be reported on various fronts. Representatives of the steel baseboard radiation industry are asking for a voluntary agreement to provide steel for their industry. Although baseboard radiators are comparatively new, the industry reports that the demand now greatly exceeds the supply. At the same time, steel and other metals seem to be making further gains in the building field. The latest Lumber Industry Report attributes a 33 per cent decline in open sash production not only to difficulties in securing lumber but also to a loss of market to other materials as well.

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Construction figures continued to rise during the summer, with greater than normal seasonal advances reported during the early months. June, for example, saw new construction valued at \$1,605 million put in place--a 38 per cent gain over the same month of the previous year. This was 100 million dollars greater than the previous record levels reached in July, 1942 and October, 1947.

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Other industries may not be as confident regarding their markets as the construction industry seems to be. To assist them in the initiation, reorganization and expansion of their market research, the Office of Domestic Commerce has just
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NEWS OF THE STATE ASSOCI



The States indicated are publicized in this issue

SOUTH DAKOTA

The 39th Annual Convention of the South Dakota State Assn. took place at Yankton on June 6, 7 and 8. On the 5th, the Advisory Board of the Association held its annual dinner and meeting and all members attended a dance in the City Auditorium. On Sunday, a golf tournament was held at the Country Club, while a trapshoot took place at the Gun Club. At 9:30 that morning, the Ritualistic Contest opened, with Sioux Falls Lodge taking first place, Deadwood second and Huron third. At noon, the State officers, Exalted Rulers and Secretaries met at dinner for a business discussion, and the opening session of the conclave began at two p.m., with Pres. James Campbell presiding. Immediately fol-

lowing the roll call of officers, Past Grand Exalted Rulers James McFarland and James R. Nicholson were escorted into the meeting, which was addressed by Mr. Nicholson after his introduction by Mr. McFarland. Later on, Secy. A. A. Fahy presented to J. Ford Zietlow, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, a fly rod as a gift of the Association in appreciation of his longtime assistance. Following this presentation committee reports were read. In the evening a public meeting was held in Riverside Park with entertainment by Bands and Choruses of several of the lodges. Mr. Nicholson spoke at this meeting and Mr. Zietlow announced that Miss Donna Hauck had been declared winner of the Elks National Foundation's Most Valuable Student Scholarship Award for the State.

A meeting of Exalted Rulers and Sec-

retaries took place the following morning after a trout breakfast, and later the business meeting resumed in the lodge rooms with additional Committee reports being the chief items of business. At eleven a.m. the beautiful and impressive Memorial Service was held at the Civic Auditorium, when P.E.R. C. J. Dalthorp of Aberdeen, P.E.R. C. C. Puckett of Yankton and D.D. Glen S. Paterson spoke, giving the Eleven O'Clock Toast and memorial addresses. Background music was supplied by the Aberdeen Elks Chorus.

Business was again the order of the day at two p.m., and then ten candidates were initiated by the State Champion Ritualistic Team from Sioux Falls Lodge. Immediately following the initiation the meeting was recessed to allow the members to participate in the annual parade, which was, as usual, both spectacular and interesting. Open house at the home of the host lodge was followed by dancing that evening.

The final session included the election of the following officers: Pres., Max Austin, Brookings; Vice-Presidents: James M. Campbell, Deadwood, W. B. McKenzie, Sioux Falls, and Lloyd Nuber, Watertown; Secy., A. A. Fahy, Aberdeen; Treas., M. M. Korte, Aberdeen; Chaplain, Rev. Carl A. Loocke, Rapid City; Trustees: Frank Collins, Mitchell; Westcott G. Smith, Yankton; Ted Byrne, Deadwood; Martin E. Cogley, Sioux Falls, and Keith Potter, Huron.

It was revealed during this meeting that 751 delegates were on hand, and that the State's membership was increased by 297 during the past year during which time \$30,915.30 was spent for charity. The session closed with the decision to award the 1949 meeting to Watertown Lodge.



A. R. Perasso, right, former President of the Iowa State Elks Association, hands the gavel to the incoming President, Frank J. Margolin, both of Sioux City Lodge. Others elected this year were Vice-Presidents, E., Dr. J. A. Totton, Shenandoah; S. E., Jack Ready, Davenport; N. E., Paul Kamler, Clinton; Treas., A. P. Lee, Marshalltown; Secy., Sanford H. Schmalz, Muscatine; Trustees George J. Schaffhauser, Dubuque, C. L. Mattice, Fort Dodge, and C. E. Richards, Jr., Fort Madison.



The officers of Hagerstown, Md., Lodge won the Tri-State Elks Assn. Ritualistic Contest. Left to right, seated, are Est. Lect. Knight L. V. Martin, Est. Lead. Knight J. J. Chrisman, E.R. W. F. Burhans, Est. Loyal Knight G. W. Fisher and Esq. Ralph A. Sheeler; second row: candidate William H. Hawthorne, Chaplain Charles L. Mobley, Inner Guard Charles N. Musser and Tiler Harry Shaffer.

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INDIANA

The Indiana Elks Association's 1948 Convention was held at Richmond June 10, 11, 12 and 13, opening with a caucus of State officers, District Deputies and State Committee Chairmen.

The Convention proper opened on the 11th with Pres. A. A. Pielemeier presiding. The annual Memorial Service took place Friday morning when Harry Bangert of Richmond Lodge delivered the memorial address. On Saturday morning at eleven Miss Shirley Gantz of Terre Haute received the first \$300 prize for girls, James Calvin of Peru for the boys, and Robert Rinker of Terre Haute the second prize of \$250 as winners in the Association's Most Valuable Student Contest. Miss Barbara Polley of Crawfordsville, second-prize winner for young ladies, was unable to attend. The two first prizes were supplied by the Elks National Foundation, the second two by the Association.

Saturday afternoon found the lodge room of the Richmond Elks home filled for the State Ritualistic Contest in which five teams competed. South Bend Lodge won top honors. Judging this contest were C. A. Kremser of Ohio, former member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, George Kingdon, State Ritualistic Chairman of the Ohio Elks Assn., and Secretary Lee Hamilton of the Michigan Elks Assn.

Approximately 1,000 members were in attendance at this important conclave with the following distinguished guests: Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner, Grand Treasurer Joseph B. Kyle, Superintendent R. A. Scott of the Elks National Home, Arnold W. Westermann, former member of the Grand



Newly elected President Simpson Stoner, left, is congratulated by retiring Pres. Dr. A. A. Pielemeier on his election as head of the Indiana State Elks Association at Richmond. The other new State officers look on. Left to right: Vice-Pres. R. L. DeHority, Trustee John Jennings, Mr. Stoner, Dr. Pielemeier and Vice-Pres. P. W. Loveland. Back row: Vice-Pres. T. E. Burke, Trustee Dr. Wm. A. Hart, Secy. C. L. Shideler, Treas. W. A. Cresson and Trustee Cecil Rappe (partially hidden).

Lodge Committee on Credentials, and Secretary Joseph Kraemer, of the Kentucky State Elks Assn.

During the past year a Cancer Control program conducted by the State Association raised \$50,000 in contributions from the 65 enrolled lodges. This money has been appropriated for research and an educational program throughout the State for early discovery of cancer. At this year's convention, the delegates went on record as desiring continuation of this splendid program. In cooperation with the Elks National Veterans Service Commission the Indiana Elks furnished monthly programs at two VA hospitals in Indianapolis and one in Marion.

At this year's meeting, the ladies were royally entertained at a dance on Friday night and the Presidents ball on Saturday evening at the Richmond Elks Country Club. On Saturday evening a banquet was held in the ballroom in the

Richmond Leland Hotel when Past Grand Exalted Ruler Kepner delivered a fine address.

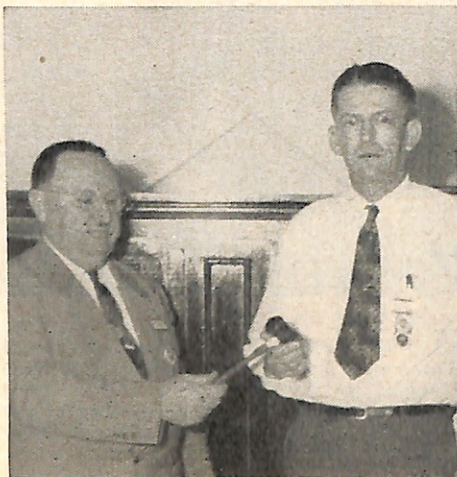
At this meeting it was decided to hold the 1949 meeting at Indianapolis in June, the Fall meeting dates will be Sept. 25th and 26th, also in Indianapolis. The following officers were elected: Pres., Simpson Stoner, Greencastle; 1st Vice-Pres. Robert L. DeHority, Elwood; 2nd Vice-Pres., Thos. E. Burke, Lafayette; 3rd Vice-Pres., Roy Jorg, Ligonier; 4th Vice-Pres., P. W. Loveland, Jeffersonville; Secy., C. L. Shideler, Terre Haute; Treas., W. A. Cresson, Noblesville; Trustees: (one year) Cecil Rappe, Portland, (two years) Walter Easley, Greensburg; (three years) Dr. Wm. A. Hart, Michigan City; (four years) John Jennings, Evansville; (five years) Frank V. Dice, Indianapolis; Chaplain Herb Beitz, Kokomo; Tiler, Earle Kremp, Washington, and Sgt.-at-Arms, Al Schlorch, South Bend.



Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Lodge's Ritualistic Team won the State Contest held at Key West during the Convention this year. First row, left to right: Esquire Harry J. Kimbro; Est. Loyal Knight Earl Sapp, E.R. E. M. Mattis;

Est. Leading Knight Stephen C. O'Connell and Est. Lecturing Knight L. G. Knapp; rear row: Candidate R. H. Van Denburg; Inner Guard George C. Nichols, Chaplain Wilbur L. Simms and Coach G. A. Cunningham, P.E.R.

News of the STATE ASSOCIATIONS



Retiring Pres. H. E. Williams, left, turns the gavel over to incoming Pres. E. G. Lawler at the 1948 Arizona State Elks Association Convention at Douglas.

OREGON

The Oregon State Elks Association met in Roseburg on June 18 and 19 in the largest Convention in its history. Earl T. Newbry, Secretary of State and Acting Governor, was the principal speaker.

One of the important subjects covered at the meeting was the discussion of the Veterans Entertainment Program in which the Elks National Veterans Service Commission was assisting. The committee in charge of the VA Hospitals in Roseburg and Portland announced that another hospital in Medford, with probably double the number of patients, would be in operation around September 1st. A committee was appointed from the Medford vicinity to take care of that hospital. Many fine programs have been presented at both existing hospitals, and the Elks ladies of Roseburg, Portland and Marshfield have given generously of their time and efforts in serving

lunches and treats to the veterans after each show.

Roseburg Lodge was the winner in the Ritualistic Contest this year. Scores were close, showing that the teams had really put in a great deal of work. A State Championship Golf Tournament, a Championship Bowling Tournament and a Trapshoot were among the social activities. Portland Lodge was well represented by its membership and its entire band, together with its Drill Team.

It was decided that the 1949 meeting will take place at Klamath Falls. Officers elected at this meeting were: Pres., A. N. Nicolai, Oregon City; 1st Vice-Pres., Elmo Angele, Lakeview; 2nd Vice-Pres., Austin Dunn, Baker; 3rd Vice-Pres., Dr. Kirby S. Fortune, Marshfield; Treas., R. C. Gile, Roseburg; Secy., Ernest L. Scott, Medford; Sgt.-at-Arms, K. A. Hartzell, McMinnville; Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms, A. J. Bean, Oregon City; Tiler, Dr. E. I. Silk, Pendleton; Chaplain, R. A. Ferguson, Bend, and Trustees: C. J. O'Neill, Grants Pass; Clarence R. Hale, Hood River; J. F. Fliegel, Medford; John J. Smith, Lebanon, and Herbert Hacker, Astoria.

LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge was host to the 1948 meeting of the Louisiana State Elks Assn. on June 20th. Following the trend of other State groups, the Louisiana representation this year was the largest in its history. Three teams participated in the Ritualistic Contest with New Orleans coming out on top, followed by Shreveport and the host lodge in that order.

Two scholarships, each in the amount of \$300, were awarded this year—one to David Weeks Wall of Baton Rouge and the other to Miss Mary Barbara Pope of Zachary. The first was made available by the Elks National Foundation, but the second was the result of the

kindness and generosity of Shreveport Lodge, whose members wished to make sure that a student of both sexes received a scholarship for 1948.

The Association's officers for the coming term are: Pres., Willis C. McDonald, New Orleans; Vice-Pres., N. H. E. Demmon, Jennings; Vice-Pres., S., Sol Blum, Morgan City; Secy., Noel L. Adams, Jr., Shreveport, and Treas., Clarence LaCroix, Baton Rouge.

An address of welcome was made by P.E.R. Hon. C. C. Bird, on behalf of the city of Baton Rouge, and a patriotic address was given by Hon. Walter B. Hamlin of New Orleans Lodge at the afternoon session.

The date and place of the 1949 Convention are in the hands of a Convention Committee and will be announced later.

ALABAMA

May 16, 17 and 18 were the dates of this year's Convention of the Alabama Elks Association which met in the lodge room of Huntsville Lodge No. 1648. A total of 325 delegates elected A. W. Stroecker of Mobile as President and John Marshall of Florence as Secretary-Treasurer.

On May 16th, Sunday, the Memorial Services were held and on the following day reports of the various State officers and the Alabama lodges were heard, revealing that all lodges are in an excellent financial condition. On Monday evening the Russell Erskine Hotel was the scene of the Association's banquet, followed by the Purple Ball at the Armory.

The lodges of the State raised over \$10,000 for the Crippled Children's Fund during the past year and great work is being done for the servicemen at Montgomery and Tuscaloosa Veterans Hospitals. The President's Award of Merit was presented to many Alabama Elks for their outstanding service to Elkdom during the past year.



Newly elected President Charles P. McGovern of the New Jersey Elks Assn. with his fellow officers.



Among the Alabama Assn. officials for the year are, standing, left to right: Trustees Roland Seals and Gilbert R. Mayers, and Vice-Pres. George Morris; seated: Vice-Pres. Gus T. Gulas, Secy.-Treas. John E. Marshall, Pres. A. W. Stroecker, Trustee John F. Antwine and Vice-Pres. Chas. McCue.



Shawnee, Okla., Lodge's officers won the State Ritualistic Contest. Seated, left to right, are Esq. Doyle Mayberry; E.R. M. G. Smith and Loyal Knight Riley Williamson; standing: Lect. Knight Lawrence Hill, Lead. Knight Dr. E. C. Cranston, Inner Guard Glen Friday and Chaplain John Collin.

MINNESOTA

The 44th Annual Convention of the Minnesota State Elks Assn. was held in St. Cloud on June 18-19-20. Delegates from each of the 24 lodges were on hand, with Sam Stern, Approving Member of the Board of Grand Trustees, and Grand Tiler Emory Hughes the State visitors.

Highlights of the Convention were the announcement of the winners of the all-State Essay Contest on Communism. Awarded first prize was Diane Bronn, Red Wing, followed by Mary E. Miller and Frank A. Jaksa, Jr., of Eveleth, recipients of U. S. Savings Bonds. In the Ritualistic Contest, Red Wing Lodge took first place, taking possession of the State Championship Trophy. Some

64 Elks entered the State Golf Tournament and Dale Horlitz of Minneapolis won the nine-hole short-stop tournament and Don Bohmer of St. Cloud taking the champion flight consolation title.

A two-hour parade boasted 25 bands and drum and bugle corps, and ended the three-day session. In the band competition, first prize went to the Brainerd Municipal Band, with the St. Paul Elks Band and the Milaca High School group taking second and third places. The General Chairman for the Convention, Past State Pres. Edwin H. Jones of the host lodge, did a splendid job in arranging the full and interesting program.

New officers for the coming year are: Pres., L. W. Spolar, Hibbing; 1st Vice-

Pres., Don W. Nagle, Rochester; 2nd Vice-Pres., V. L. Howerton, Virginia; 3rd Vice-Pres., E. J. Curry, St. Paul; Treas., Oscar C. Paulson, Thief River Falls, and Trustee for three years, retiring Pres. Dr. L. C. Brusletten, Fari-bault. Renamed Secretary for his sixth consecutive term was Stanley P. Andersch, Minneapolis.

WASHINGTON

One of the best attended and most enthusiastic Conventions ever held by the Washington State Elks Assn. took place in Aberdeen on June 17, 18 and 19. Among the distinguished members who attended, in addition to the many Past Presidents and former District Deputies, was Past Grand Exalted Ruler



Retiring Pres. Dr. L. C. Brusletten welcomes the 600 Elks and their ladies to the banquet held during the Minnesota State Elks Association Convention. Former Grand Tiler Emory Hughes is pictured second from left.

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Judge Frank J. Lonergan, who delivered an inspiring address.

A full program of social activities, contests and tournaments was provided, but most important were the business sessions which revealed the great variety of activities participated in by the Association. Constructive reports were given by the Chairmen of committees on the Elks National Foundation, Social and Community Welfare, Traffic Safety, Spastics, Youth Program and Hospitalization. Educational conferences held in separate groups by lodge officers and managers were most helpful. A new constitution and bylaws, with opening, closing and installation rituals, were adopted. The report of the Treasurer and Auditing Committee shows a balance on hand of more than \$8,000.

The Foundation Scholarship Award for the State was won by Gordon McLean Callow of Seattle, son of the famous rowing coach, Rusty Callow. Pres. Arthur Ochsner, who presided at the sessions, was given a beautiful diamond ring in appreciation of his fine services during the past year.

The following men will take care of the Association's affairs for 1948-49: Pres., L. John Nelson, Spokane; 1st Vice-Pres., V. P. McNamara, Olympia; 2nd Vice-Pres., Eugene Metzger, Everett; 3rd Vice-Pres., Les Barrett, Walla Walla, and Treas., Adolph L. Norin, Aberdeen. Trustees are I. C. Kuchenreuther, Wenatchee, Harold R. Johnson, Tacoma, Fred March, Anacortes, and William Singer, Centralia.

The Ritualistic Contest, won by Hoquiam Lodge, took place at Yakima at the Association's mid-winter session. The next mid-winter Convention will be held at Vancouver, with the annual summer Meeting in Spokane.

NEBRASKA

The delegates to the 36th Annual Convention of the Nebraska State Elks Assn. met on June 12, 13 and 14 at McCook. Every lodge in the State was represented at this meeting during which North Platte Lodge's Team took first prize in the Ritualistic Contest, and Scottsbluff second. Band concerts, free plane rides, golf and open house provided ample diversion for the Elks' ladies while the men were occupied with the business of the Association. A very successful banquet was held on Saturday and another on Sunday which was followed by dancing. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen was the principal speaker at the dinner held on the 13th at the Elks Fleischman Park Club House. Memorial Services for departed Brothers were held on Monday with Ralph G. Brooks giving the memorial address. The final social event of the meeting was the Elks Charities Boxing Show at McCook City Auditorium.

During the business sessions, at which the Benevolence Commission (Crippled Children's Committee) reported the 200th clinic conducted since the inception of this fine program, the following were elected to office: Pres., L. H. Mur-rin, North Platte; 1st Vice-Pres., Cliff N. Ogden, Jr., Omaha; 2nd Vice-Pres., B. M. Diers, Scottsbluff; 3rd Vice-Pres., Dr. V. J. Morgan, York; 4th Vice-Pres.,

H. L. Blackledge, Kearney; Treas., F. C. Laird, Fremont; Secy., H. P. Zieg, Grand Island, and Trustees: Frederick M. Deutsch, Norfolk, C. L. Baskins, North Platte, and J. M. Fitzgerald, Omaha.

NEW YORK

The exceptionally well attended 36th Annual Convention of the New York State Elks Association was held in the city of Buffalo on June 17, 18 and 19. The meeting was opened on the 17th by retiring Pres. Wm. F. Edelmuth, and the delegates elected Judge John J. Sweeney of Troy as President, and Secretary Frank D. O'Connor of Queens Borough Lodge and Treasurer Claude Y. Cushman of Binghamton were unanimously elected to succeed themselves in office.

The Convention was highlighted by an eloquent address by Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. The meeting was brought to a conclusion with a moving memorial service, with a stirring eulogy delivered by Past State Pres. Judge John F. Scileppi, who reviewed briefly the lives and accomplishments of the two former State Association leaders who passed away during 1948—William T. Phillips and D. Curtis Gano.

By unanimous agreement, the delegates decided to hold the 1949 Convention in Schenectady.

VERMONT

Montpelier welcomed between seven and eight hundred delegates to the 21st Annual Convention of the Vermont State Elks Assn. on June 12 and 13. Among these were of course, Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight Riley C. Bowers and several out-of-towners, including D.D. Bert Harkness of Northern New York State.

This year, the Vermont Association is building a new swimming pool at Thorpe Camp for Crippled Children, having completed the large dining room and auditorium at the camp last year. Burlington Lodge presented a check for \$1,754.59 for this work. It was voted to continue the work with veterans, and also to proceed with the scholarship contest.

In the golf tournament, Montpelier Lodge won the Championship Trophy; St. Johnsbury Lodge placed second, Hartford third and Burlington fourth. The Quartet Contest was taken by Springfield Lodge, with St. Johnsbury again running second and Hartford third.

It was decided to hold next year's Convention in Bennington either in September or October, and until that time the following men will hold the reins: Pres., Earl H. Weeks, Bennington; 1st Vice-Pres., A. J. Mawn, St. Albans; 2nd Vice-Pres., Ralph Miller, Windsor; 3rd Vice-Pres., Bruno Beck, Burlington; Secy., Archie Goodbout, Bennington; Treas., John W. Burke, Rutland, and Trustees for three years R. Newton Owens, Rutland, Arthur J. Fisher, Burlington, Ronald Cheny, Hartford, and Antonio Andosca, Bellows Falls.

A high spot of the meeting was the

banquet held on Sunday, attended by over 350 Elks and their ladies. P.E.R. Judge John J. Sweeney, President-elect of the New York State Elks Assn., was the principal speaker.

**THE STATE ASSOCIATIONS COMMITTEE
REPORTS THE FOLLOWING
CONVENTION DATES FOR 1948**

State	Place	Date
Ohio	Cedar Point (Sandusky)	Aug. 29 to Sept. 2
Pennsylvania	Reading	August 30-31, Sept. 1-2-3
Md., Del., and D.C. Assn.	Wilmington, Dela.,	Sept. 2-3-4-5-6
New Mexico	Las Vegas	Sept. 10-11-12
Tennessee	Knoxville	Sept. 17-18
Colorado	Fort Collins	Sept. 17-18-19
California	Santa Cruz	Oct. 6-7-8-9
New Hamp- shire	Dover	Oct. 9-10

New York Lodge's Essay Contest

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just 13 years old. He was born and raised in Australia. George Klems, of Czechoslovakia, son of an employee of the UN is 12 years of age. Joan Anne Ploth, American, of Jamaica, N.Y., is nine years old. Marjelyn de Beus, daughter of a Netherlands Delegate is 11 years old. Alexi Sossinsky, from Russia, who wrote his essay in French, is ten years old.

Co-Chairman Ganger was not present at the ceremony, so all prizes were presented by Mr. Phelps. The children, in turn, handed the \$100 bills to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late President and a U. S. Delegate to the United Nations, who accepted the money as a donation to the Children's Fund of the UN. Mrs. Roosevelt spoke appreciatively of the youngsters' generosity, and commended the members of New York Lodge on their "magnificent contribution to a most worthy cause."

Co-Chairman Phelps complimented the children on making the contest a success and on their thoughtfulness in making the contribution to their less fortunate brothers and sisters in foreign countries.

Many notables were present, among whom were Delegate de Beus, Holland; Trustee Townsend, Australia; Joan Parker, England, Secretary of the UN Welfare Division; William Agar, Chief, Section for Lectures and Educational Liaison, and Tor Gjesdal, Director of the Dept. of Public Information. All of them praised the fine work the Order of Elks is accomplishing, and particularly lauded the officers and members of New York Lodge.

At the close of the ceremonies, the children, their parents and the members of the delegations and secretariat were the guests of Phelps Phelps at a luncheon served in one of the many dining rooms of the huge UN Building.



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U. S. ARMY AND U. S. AIR FORCE RECRUITING SERVICE

Russia and US—Can We Get Along?

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tion for all peoples for which we were supposedly fighting the war. We sold faithful allies like Poland and China down the river. We placed our seal of approval at Yalta on Stalin's grab of almost half of Poland's pre-war territory. We recognized the made-in-Moscow, Communist-dominated puppet government which Stalin imposed on the Polish people with the bayonets of the Red Army.

At this same ill-omened conference we compromised China's future by giving Stalin a stranglehold on Manchuria, one of China's richest and most strategic provinces. Through the UNRRA we gave large amounts in relief to Communist states, relief that sometimes was abused for political purposes. We consented to repatriation agreements which made it possible to seize fugitives from Soviet tyranny and send them back to firing-squads and concentration camps.

Our wartime diplomacy can justly be censured for undue appeasement of Moscow at the expense of fundamental American ideals and principles. It is ridiculous to suggest that we were harsh or unbending in refusing to consider reasonable Soviet desires for security and international cooperation.

America's philosophy in regard to foreign states has always been one of live and let live. Most of us have thought well of our American institutions and way of life. But we have never succumbed to the megalomaniac delusion that it was our right or duty to impose those institutions on other peoples by force of arms. One could not muster a corporal's guard of Americans for a crusade against Soviet communism within Russia's legitimate frontiers. We are quite content to let Americanism speak for itself, by the force of example.

If the Soviet leaders were willing to take the same attitude toward communism, to work out their own system within their own borders without interfering in the affairs of other states, there would be no "cold war". Unfortunately there have been three consistent, unvarying trends in Soviet policy which make friendly cooperation impossible. In these trends, and only in these trends, lie the roots of the cold war. They are:

First, Stalin and his associates believe that conflict with the non-Communist world is, in the long run, unavoidable. This idea that the fate of the Russian Revolution is linked with the success or failure of world revolution runs through the writings of Lenin and Stalin like a persistent red thread. One need only quote one of Lenin's statements, quoted with approval by Stalin in his book, *Problems of Leninism*. This book has been circulated in tens of millions of copies within the Soviet Union. It has been translated into all the various languages of that vast country.

It possesses all the authority that Hitler's *Mein Kampf* enjoyed with the German youth in the days when the Nazi dictatorship ruled supreme. This is Lenin speaking, with Stalin's hearty endorsement:

"It is inconceivable that the Soviet Republic should continue to exist for a long period side by side with imperialist states. Ultimately one or the other must conquer. Meanwhile a number of terrible clashes between the Soviet Republic and the bourgeois states are inevitable."

Imperialist states, bourgeois states—that means us. The United States is abused and vilified; its motives and intentions are systematically misrepresented around the clock, around the globe by the well-oiled international Communist machinery of propaganda. It is not only the newspapers and radio broadcasts of the Soviet Union that keep up this campaign of vilification. The chorus is taken up by the obedient Communist propaganda organs that exist in every important country in the world, including the United States, with "The Daily Worker" as its Voice of Moscow.

It is not easy to establish a firm basis of working agreement with a man who is fanatically convinced that, if he does not destroy you, you will destroy him. This principle also holds good for nations. Much of the truculent, aggressive behavior of the Soviet Government since the end of the war would be inexplicable except on the basis of a settled conviction that there can be no lasting peace except on a basis of submission to Moscow.

Moreover, the Soviet Government is impelled to new acts of expansion and aggression by what might be called the dynamics of fear. It is not a fear of sudden unprovoked attack by the United States. The Soviet leaders are shrewd enough to evaluate the significance of the swift demobilization of America's great war machine after the end of hostilities, of the reluctance in America to resort to conscription and universal military training. What they do fear is the demoralizing effect on their subjects of free and prosperous and stable societies along their borders. That is why they instinctively try, through their Communist fifth columns in foreign lands, to promote strikes and hinder the return to normal conditions.

Second, the Soviet Government has habitually displayed no respect for its own pledged word. Satisfactory business relations cannot prevail when there is no observance of contracts. Satisfactory diplomatic relations cannot be expected when one party to agreements assumes the right to disregard and tear up these agreements at will. This is what the Soviet Government has done so often

that the words of its leaders have become almost meaningless.

The ideal exemplified in the story of George Washington and the cherry-tree has never penetrated the walls of the Kremlin. The former American Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Mr. William C. Bullitt, in his book, *The Great Globe Itself* compiles parallel lists of Nazi and Soviet breaches of treaties and international law. He finds the Nazis guilty on twenty-six counts, the Soviets guilty on twenty-eight. It would take too much space to recount the twenty-eight; but a few glaring examples of Soviet bad faith may be listed.

Stalin once declared: "We shall not yield an inch of our own soil; we do not covet a foot of foreign soil." Hitler once tried to lull the world's vigilance with similar soothing statements. Stalin, it may be noted, did not say: "We do not covet a foot of foreign soil—except Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Eastern Poland, the Karelian Isthmus, Petsamo, Bessarabia, Northern Bukovina, eastern Czechoslovakia, Koenigsberg, the Kurile Islands, South Sakhalin" Yet this is a list of Soviet territorial grabs during and since the war. Not one of these annexations was made by the desire or with the freely expressed consent of the people affected.

It is a matter of record that the Soviet Government, on its own initiative, concluded treaties of neutrality and non-aggression with its five western neighbors, Poland, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. Every one of these treaties was operative when the war broke out, and every one of these treaties was torn up like a scrap of paper as the Soviet rulers saw an opportunity to seize all or part of the territory of their weaker neighbors.

The Yalta agreement of February, 1945, and the Potsdam agreement of August, 1945, were distinctly favorable to Soviet ambitions. But the Soviet Government has repeatedly violated clauses of these agreements which it considered contrary to its interests. For example, the Yalta agreement provided for "free and unfettered elections" in Poland, for democratic institutions in countries freed from Germany, for concerted action of the Soviet, American and British governments in assisting peoples freed from Nazi rule "to solve by democratic means their pressing political and economic problems."

The Polish election, by the general testimony of correspondents who watched it, was a fraudulent farce. Ruthless dictatorships have been clamped down on those countries east of the iron curtain which are, or have been, under Soviet military occupation.

So again and again the pledged word of the Soviet Government has been proved worthless. This is a

fact of considerable significance in judging whether the Soviet Union would be a reliable partner in a convention eliminating the use of atomic weapons. This habitual bad faith is the second aspect of Soviet international behavior that has made international cooperation with Moscow impossible.

The third aspect is the gigantic international fifth column which works under the orders of Moscow. In dealing with Russia today we are not dealing with a national state. We are dealing with an international conspiracy, sponsored and promoted from Moscow, with the avowed objective of undermining and overthrowing non-Communist governments throughout the world.

For twenty-four years this conspiracy functioned through the Communist International, or Comintern, with headquarters in Moscow. This was an association of all the Communist parties in the world. Formally the Soviet Government pretended that it had nothing to do with the Comintern. This pretense was laughable to anyone familiar with the tight organization of the Soviet police state. The smallest organization of foreigners was regarded with suspicion. It is absurd to imagine that an organization so influential and large as the Comintern would have been allowed to carry on for five minutes in Moscow if the Soviet Government had not known and fully approved its activities.

The Comintern was ostensibly dissolved in the spring of 1943. This was a tactical move, designed to make a favorable impression in the western countries. But the essential principle of the Comintern, a strictly disciplined Communist movement throughout the world, always obedient to Moscow, was maintained. There was a partial resurrection of the Comintern in the shape of the so-called Cominform, or Communist Information Bureau, in 1947. This body included the Communist parties of the Soviet satellite states, and also of France and Italy. Its claim to be merely an informational body was punctured when it issued what amounted to a sentence of excommunication against the Yugoslav Communist Party leadership, headed by Marshal Tito.

The offense of Tito had been that he resented Russian direction as to how he should run his dictatorship in Yugoslavia. How this internal Communist feud will come out is not yet clear. But, apart from Tito's revolt, which may or may not be a shortlived affair, the international Communist fifth column has worked as follows:

In the countries which the Red Army overran in the last months of the war the local Communist leaders are the Red Quislings, the equivalents of the Gauleiters whom Hitler installed in his subjugated countries. Doriot in France, Degrelle in Belgium, Mussert in the Netherlands, Quisling in Norway are the Nazi opposite numbers of such figures as

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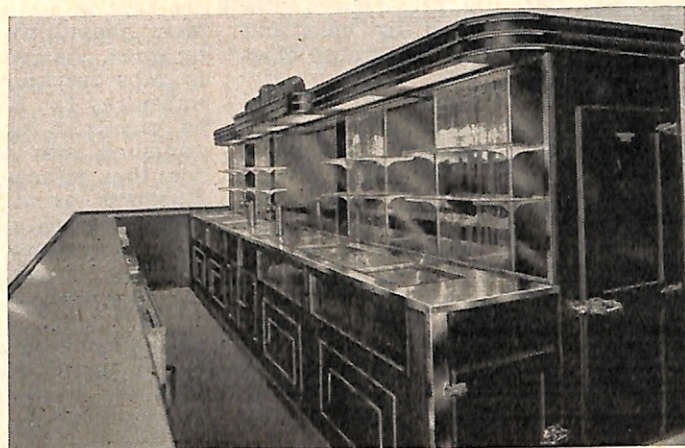
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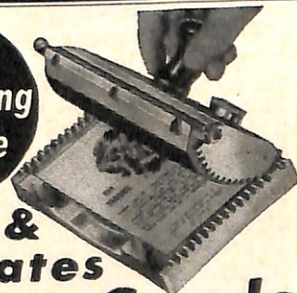
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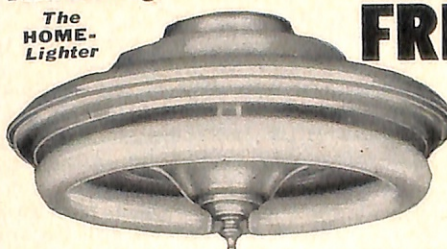


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Bierut in Poland, Rakosi in Hungary, Anna Pauker in Rumania, Georgi Dimitrov in Bulgaria. Except in the case of the recalcitrant Tito, this system has served to reduce nominally independent countries to the status of outlying provinces of the Soviet empire, ruled by men and women whose first loyalty is to Moscow.

Soviet fifth columns in France and Italy are assigned somewhat different functions. Communist parties in these countries are not strong enough to seize power yet. But they are strong enough to hamper reconstruction by continually inciting strikes. There is a Soviet fifth column of considerable proportions and effectiveness in Asia, as evidenced by the success of the Chinese Communists, the flare-up of murderous terrorism in Malaya, the influence of communism on the insurgent nationalist movements in Indo-China and Indonesia.

There are other countries, the United States, Canada, Great Britain and some of the smaller states of western and northern Europe, where the Moscow fifth columns are still weak, although the Kremlin finds plenty of work for them to do. The notorious Canadian spy case, in which the Soviet military attaché built up a huge espionage network under the very noses of the unsuspecting Canadian authorities, shows that even a small Communist party can be a dangerous nucleus for espionage.

Communists in the United States are not American citizens working for changes in the social order. They are agents of a hostile foreign power. They have always kept time by the Kremlin clock. When Stalin was Hitler's ally, the American Communists fought bitterly against American preparedness and against aid to Britain. When Russia was attacked in June, 1941, not when America was attacked at Pearl Harbor, these Soviet patriots turned a somersault overnight. They clamored for immediate American intervention. The war they had formerly described, in their Marxist jargon, as imperialist became a holy war as soon as the Soviet Union was drawn into it.

During the war, while Stalin needed the eleven billion dollars worth of lend-lease material shipped from this country, the American Communists put on the badly fitting mask of super-patriotism. But as soon as differences arose between America and the Soviet Union in the postwar period the American Communists showed where their real loyalty was. In their press, through their network of front organizations, they tried to create the impression that America always is wrong and the Soviet Union always is right.

Here then are three basic causes of the cold war: Soviet belief in the inevitability of conflict; persistent Soviet bad faith; the existence of a Soviet fifth column for which there is no parallel in history. One may also mention the Soviet sabotage of the United Nations through indis-

criminate use of the veto and the iron wall which Soviet police measures have built up against normal human contacts between Russians and foreigners. Very few foreigners are admitted to Russia. Those few are kept in a state of virtual internment, constantly and openly watched by spies. As everyone who has lived in Moscow knows, it is distinctly unhealthy for Russians to be known as friends of foreigners. Many have vanished into concentration camps for this offense. The majority of Russians avoid foreigners as they would the plague, for obvious reasons of personal security.

This is the situation. What should we do about it? There is no short or easy way to the achievement of the American desire: peace with honor, justice and security. One road that will certainly not lead to peace is appeasement. The sweeping and undignified concessions that were made to Stalin at Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam did not win his friendship or his respect. He interpreted these concessions as Hitler interpreted Munich, as signs of weakness.

THERE are several reasons why the Soviet leaders, unless they have gone completely paranoid, would shrink from the prospect of all-out war. Russia's losses in the recent struggle in manpower and material were extremely heavy. The United States is overwhelmingly superior in naval power, in potential airpower and in the technology that counts for so much in modern warfare. Tito's revolt is only the most spectacular indication that there are cracks and fissures behind the iron curtain. Last, but not least, the Soviet Union does not possess the atomic bomb.

So there is a reasonably good prospect that a firm stand by the United States and other free nations can and will check Soviet communist expansion without war. What should be the practical measures that would uphold this firm stand?

We should do everything in our power to promote closer political and economic union among those European countries which are outside the Soviet sphere of influence. This means ERP and probably some form of lend-lease military aid. Experience has shown that economic aid from America outweighs the promises and propaganda of the French and Italian Communists.

This program of bolstering up the free peoples of Europe involves sacrifices and dangers. There must be every effort to reduce waste to a minimum, to promote European self-help so far as possible. Even so, taxes will be higher and prices will be higher because of our present and prospective aid. But if we withheld this aid and retreated into the shell of a deceptive isolationism the risks and the costs would be immensely greater. If the countries of Europe and Asia, still weak and shattered as a result of the war, should become one by one provinces of the vast Soviet empire, America would be com-

pelled to turn itself into an armed camp. We should not know a moment of genuine security.

We should abolish immediately and decisively all vindictive and destructionist restrictions on the industry and trade of Germany and Japan. We should definitely set out to win the Germans and Japanese as partners in the worldwide anti-Communist coalition which is far and away the best means of preserving real peace.

We should not take Soviet propaganda lying down. We should speak up for our own ideals, work for open doors against closed doors, drive home the truth about the horrible revival of human slavery in the Soviet Union, with its millions of tormented, overworked, underfed human beasts of burden in scores of huge concentration camps, scattered over the length and breadth of the Soviet Union.

Soviet communism, since the fall of fascism, is the main propaganda challenge to the ideals of western Christian civilization. The true answer to this challenge does not lie in blind hysteria or indiscriminate repression, but rather in sober analysis and intelligent understanding of the issues at stake. A great educational effort, in which the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus, the Elks and other patriotic and fraternal organizations might cooperate, is the surest guaranty that Americanism will not be undermined by communism in the hearts of any large number of our people.

We should frankly admit that our ideal of Americanism is still imperfectly realized, that there is much room for reform and progress. But let us never forget that an imperfect civilization is preferable to a perfect barbarism, with such crimes as mass starvation, wholesale political executions and a nationwide system of slave labor to its account. Communism is avowedly out for world domination. Free systems are content to work by persuasion and example. Under communism the state owns the people. Under democracy the people own the state. Democracy stands for habeas corpus. Communism stands for habeas cadaver.

There is only one sure way of being able to get along with the Soviet dictatorship. This is to be stronger militarily, economically, diplomatically, morally. This does not mean that we could or should maintain larger armed forces than the Soviet Union, with its larger population. It does mean that we should keep ahead in scientific research, in perfecting the most modern weapons and in building up by economic and diplomatic means a more powerful group of allies than the Kremlin can count on.

It is only on this basis of superior strength that we can hope to realize the ideal once set forth by Senator Vandenberg: "Honorable peace in a free world of free men."

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In the Doghouse

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shunned by our four-legged friends. The only person the average dog likes to avoid is, naturally, the individual who will give it rough treatment or the person who may be under the influence of John Barleycorn or who may be mentally loco. All three types the dog has good reason to distrust. The reason for the first is obvious, and the reason for the dog's distrust of the other two is that the animal senses a departure from the normal and perhaps reasons that it cannot defend itself from sudden unprovoked mistreatment.

Another fantasy which, of course, intelligent people do not indulge in, is that the dog that howls at night for no known reason is forecasting the death of its master, or some other person close to him. This is plain foolishness. The dog sounding off this way is either just plain lonely or is simply obeying a primitive impulse, natural to all dogs to a greater or lesser degree, to indulge in a spell of howling.

Now, the sentimentalists about dogs will tell you that Fido possesses a sixth sense unknown to human beings. It is the Faust opinion that this so-called sixth sense is nothing more than the dog's remarkably developed senses of hearing and scent. Perhaps you've noticed that when alone with your dog at night—during the daytime, too, for that matter—his ears will rise as though listening, which is exactly what he is doing, even though you can't hear sound. Such sounds, unknown to you, carry messages to your dog. It may be a distant bark of another dog, someone walking on the road outside, or any one of a number of things that intrigue your dog's attention. The scenting powers of the normal dog are such that the animal can recognize odors that carry definite meaning.

Don't believe the person who clings to that old saw that barking dogs seldom bite. If you believe that, you may undergo some unpleasant experiences. I had a relative who held to this belief and, following his first visit with a new dog I had, I was forced to buy that relative a new pair of trousers.

HERE is a whole string of misconceptions: (1) You may scarcely believe some people think this way, but many do: the constant feeding of raw meat to a dog will make it savage. This is ridiculous. In these days of high prices the only one whose disposition is likely to sour is the dog's owner who buys the meat. (2) A belief less widely accepted holds that gun powder mixed into a dog's food will make that animal a canine terror. Pish and a couple of tushes. This, too, is nonsense. (3) You may be solemnly assured by some half-informed person that if the roof of your dog's

mouth isn't black, that pooch is not a thoroughbred. You can relegate this to the file-and-forget department, as the roof of the mouth of nearly every dog contains some black, regardless of whether or not his ancestors came over on the *Mayflower*. The only breed whose standard requires a black mouth (and tongue, too) is the Chow-Chow. His mouth *must* be black.

Hydrophobia (rabies) has attracted its quota of misinformation. Many people believe that a dog so afflicted tears wildly around the landscape and foams at the mouth. There are two forms of rabies—the active and the inactive. In the first form, Fido does go on a galloping spree. In the second, he becomes sulky, seeks dark corners and remains quiet. In neither case does he foam at the mouth. The only secretion ejected is a stringy drooling of saliva.

Hand-in-hand with this misconception is the belief that the rabied dog avoids water. This isn't so. The dog, if thirsty, will drink as long as its jaws can move. In the last stages of this dreadful disease, the jaws lock and, of course, the dog cannot drink. Many a poor pup has been killed needlessly when suffering from what was nothing more than a harmless fit occasioned by nervous shock, water starvation, digestive disturbance or an over-dose of those internal parasites, worms. Such a dog requires restraint and confinement to a cool dark place, such as a cellar, and liberal applications of cold water to its head, if possible. The dog that does not come out of a fit in about ten minutes should get the attention of a veterinarian. If this dog has bitten anyone, the wound requires no more medication or treatment than that given to any other similar abrasion. However, if that dog is a stranger to you and you are bitten, don't make the mistake of taking chances; go to your local doctor at once. Rabies is not a common disease, but a strange dog is one which might have been afflicted by it. Incidentally, a dog can develop rabies only by the bite of another sick animal, and any warm-blooded animal can acquire hydrophobia; it is not a disease confined to dogs. It is not unknown among wild animals, and even among horses, cattle or sheep.

Three breeds that live in the shadows, in the opinion of many people, are the bloodhound, the English bulldog and the poodle—the so-called "French" poodle. Far from being blood-thirsty, the bloodhound is one of the gentlest of all dogs, but because he is so often used for tracking lawbreakers, plus his grim name, many have been led to believe he is a dog of violence. Actually, his name is derived from the fact that this breed, for which pedigrees were kept long ago, was referred to as a blooded hound, just as you would describe a



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tion are very widely appreciated. The miniature poodle, of course, is too small for retrieving use, while the toy, strictly speaking, is not a pure poodle. One of the factors that makes the poodle such a good water dog is that he possesses the thickest coat of any breed, which enables him to swim for long periods in cold water, without becoming chilled or exhausted. He suffers, too, from the fact that the standard for his breed calls for the dandified hairdo which in many cases is carried to the extreme. You've probably seen pictures of poodles whose caboosees were mostly sheared, while their foreparts wore a heavy coat. That close shearing isn't entirely caused by vanity of the owner; originally it was developed because this breed, having such a dense coat, could not swim so well when its rear end became water-logged, and when used for retrieving purposes the coat on the rear of the dog was clipped for better action.

STATUTORY AMENDMENTS ADOPTED AT THE GRAND LODGE SESSION IN PHILADELPHIA, PA., JULY 5 TO 8, 1948

Section 114 was amended to read as follows:—

"The number of trustees of both incorporated and unincorporated lodges shall be in conformity with state laws governing their respective structures."

Section 178 was amended to read as follows:—

"All annual dues shall be uniform as to each and every member and must be paid semi-annually in advance on April 1st, and October 1st; provided, however, a member may at his election pay not to exceed one year's dues in advance as of April 1st in any year. Such annual dues shall be fixed by the By-Laws of each Lodge and shall not be subject to amendment unless such amendment be effective as of April 1st following the adoption of such amendment."

Section 47 was amended in part to read as follows:—

"It shall at each Grand Lodge Session conduct a National Ritualistic Contest among the winners of State and/or Regional Contests and said Committee shall have power to require all such regional contests among State winners as it deem necessary and expedient to the end that not more than ten teams compete at the Grand Lodge Session."

Section 146a was amended to read as follows:—

"A Lodge may, by appropriate By-Law, limit its membership to such number as it may therein determine; provided, however, and not-

withstanding such limitation, at least one candidate, if available, must be admitted to membership by initiation during the months of September to May, inclusive, of each year."

Section 231 was amended by adding the following paragraph:—

"Each State Association shall have power to fix by provision of its Constitution or By-Laws the amount of annual dues for membership therein."

Section 231 was amended by adding the following paragraph:—

"A Subordinate Lodge may, by By-Law, assess against each of its members his pro-rata share of State Association dues."

The second paragraph of **Section 191** was amended to read as follows:—

"Applications for membership by 'those holding' Absolute Dimits shall be received and acted upon in the same manner as original applications for membership in the Order upon payment of such affiliation fee as may be provided in the By-Laws of the Lodges to which application is made; provided, however, such applicant shall be declared elected if upon ballot upon his application he receives fewer than six black balls."

Section 180 (referring to reinstatement of an unaffiliated member and amount to be paid for reinstatement) was amended by striking out the words "Which shall not exceed the amount of one year's dues."

Supplementary Report of the Elks National Foundation

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Dramatics Club, the Press Club, the A Capella Choir, Boys' Quartet and Mixed Quartet, Ski Club, Chess Club, Photography Club, Captain of Room War Stamp Collection and Chief of the School War Stamp Captains, and took roles in many of the school plays.

"He holds a record of being President of the Chemical Club, Managing Editor of the *Green Quill and Recorder*, a year book and school newspaper, Treasurer of Press Club, Vice President of Dramatics Club, Treasurer of A Capella Choir, school newspaper reporter and sports and photography editor. In honor awards, he has earned and won the Fagan Biology Prize, was elected Senator in the Empire Boys State, was winner of the Dairymen's League Essay Contest, was Chairman of his school delegation to the Rochester Presidential Nomination Convention, was selected as delegate to Empire State Pre-Conference at Syracuse, has been a national honor student and member of National Honor Society and was valedictorian of his class, in which he ranked No. 1 in a class of 99 students, with an average of 97.2 per cent.

"He is a member of the Boy Scouts and is an Eagle Scout, and has been Junior Assistant Scout Master. As a Scout, served as Blood Bank Messenger and was mobilized as an Air Raid Messenger and also served in various Community Chests, Red Cross, waste paper and War Bond Drives. For his work in the Scrap Drives, he earned the General Eisenhower Award.

"He took a very well balanced but rather heavy curriculum and his record shows a straight 'A' in average study for the four years of his high school work. This boy has been an especially commended student in chemistry and has the ambition of becoming a chemical engineer. As he says in his own language, 'All that I have done in scholarship, extra curricular activities, Scouting and odd jobs, has been done with the hope that the experience gained may better prepare me to take my place as a constructive and beneficial member of society. My greatest desire is one day to join the ranks of the world's future engineering leaders in the nucleonics field.' And so, it is with great pleasure that I introduce to you Walter M. Firra of Herkimer, New York State.

"As you will see as I report these various scholarships to you, there were several so close in their averages that there were many of the students whose applications resulted in a tie. But of all of the 95 girls whose applications we examined and rated, there was one young lady who was

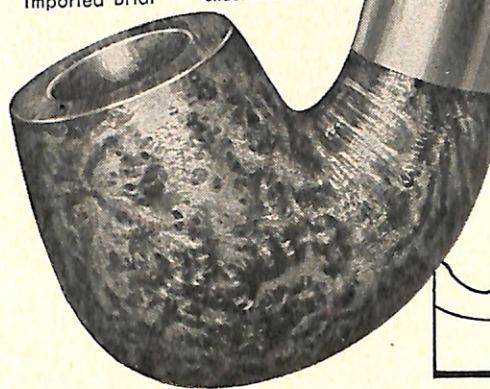
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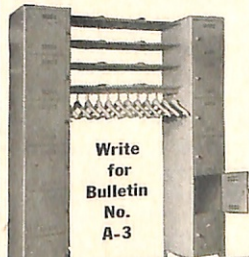
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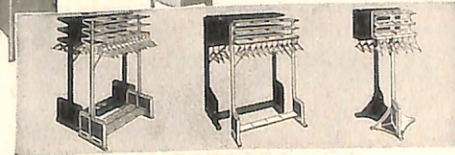
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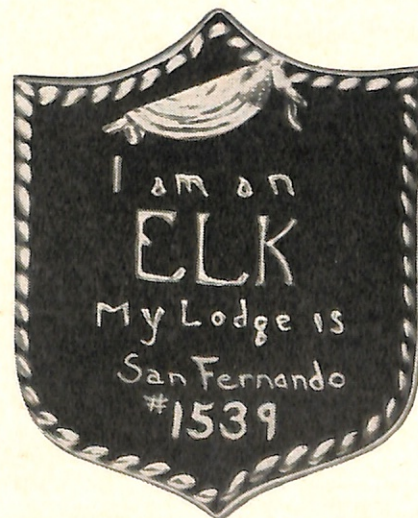
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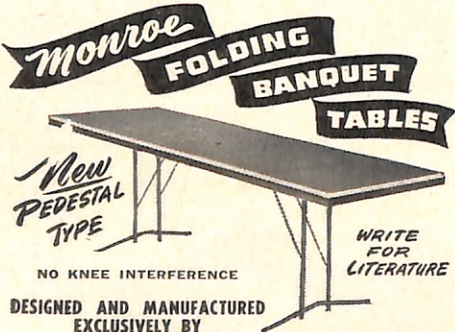
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outstanding and above them all. She is the oldest member of a family of four children whose mother was widowed in 1944 and left without any funds whatsoever. To enable her to continue in school work, she has been a laboratory assistant, at \$22 per week, part-time clerk in a music store at \$5 per week, and has done baby-sitting and been a waitress in a restaurant; as a matter of fact, when we sent word to her of winning this prize, she was acting as a waitress in a hotel dining-room at a seaside resort nearby. This girl has been taking a somewhat heavy curriculum and has maintained a straight 'A' record in all her studies. At the same time, she has taken the D.A.R. award for good citizenship in her senior year, the Elmira College Key Award for outstanding girl in Junior Class, the American Legion Auxiliary Medal for outstanding girl in the ninth grade, the Garnet and Gray Key for outstanding leadership in the ninth grade and prizes for posters and creative composition.

"She has been Editor-in-Chief of *Colls High News*, a bi-weekly paper; Vice President of National Honor Society, President of Y-Teen Club and Secretary of the Library Club, member of the Assembly Club, member of the Board of Control for two years, and of the Hockey Team three years, as well as of the basketball and softball teams. At the same time she was an active member of church and Sunday School, the Y.M.C.A. Youth Center and member of interclub council of city Y-Teen Clubs. As though this were not enough to take upon herself, this young lady also has taken personal care of her mother when sick, done the cooking at home for her mother and brothers and sisters, and also has done the housework whenever her mother has been unable to do it. In the face of all this, as the record for accomplishments, this girl graduated as No. 1 in a class of 241 students with an average of 96.4 per cent, and consequently it gives me very great pleasure to introduce to the Grand Lodge Miss Katherine Laura White of West Collingswood, New Jersey.

"The No. 2 boy winner is Michael Thomas Panos of Houston, Texas, with an average of 97 per cent, to whom is awarded our scholarship of \$600.

"Now there come two students who are tied and consequently there were no No. 3 and No. 4 awards, for they both are entitled to the No. 3 award of \$500. Your Board of Trustees, where they have met with ties between the students, have decided to award to each of these students the ranking prize for the highest one. Consequently, to Carl Frederick Eiberger of Denver, Colorado, and to James Robert Calvin of Peru, Indiana—both of whom have a ranking average of 96.6 per cent—we award a scholarship of \$500. Emil John Volcheck, Jr., of Omaha, Nebraska, is the winner of our fifth award, with an average of 96 per cent, and to him is awarded the fifth prize of \$300.

"In our public notice, we announced the fact that the Board would give five prizes of \$200 each as Honorable Mention awards but we have found ourselves obliged to award six of these \$200 prizes by reason of the fact that there was a tie between two of the students at 95.4 per cent each. Consequently these six \$200 prizes are awarded to

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Sarkis Samuel Sarkisian	Fresno, Calif.

"In addition to Miss Katherine Laura White, to whom we awarded our first scholarship of \$700, four other young women have won our scholarship awards of \$600, \$500, \$400 and \$300, and they are

Patsy Joan Addington—Kelso, Wash.	\$600
Dorothea Ruth Drews—Butler, Pa.	500
Helen Mae Huttunen—Duluth, Minn.	400
Nancy Ellen Wolper—Brookline, Mass.	300

"For the girls' Honorable Mention Awards of \$200 each, we found ourselves in the same situation as with the boys. In other words, there were five ties, three of them at 94.8 per cent and two of them at 94.6 per cent. Consequently, these have been all awarded a \$200 Honorable Mention Scholarship. They are

Anna Belle Campbell	St. Joseph, Mo.
Sheila Brenda Burnell	Torrington, Conn.
Mary Nell Gray	Estherville, Ia.
Susan Pryor	No. Platte, Neb.
Mary Sue Greene	Medford, Ore.
Beverly A. Orton	Baker, Ore.
Jacquelynne Malloy	Marshalltown, Ia.

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Charlotte Ann Smith	Chico, Calif.
Barbara Jane Polley	Crawfordsville, Ind.
Patricia Ann McNamara	Quincy, Mass.
Nancy C. Fillingham	Lakewood, Ohio

"In going through these applications, your Board found a number of students who did not measure up in the matter of credits on curriculum but who, nevertheless, showed such outstanding ability in the face of tremendous personal difficulties that the almost superhuman effort made by these students to carry them through their four years of high school, make them outstanding in a way that appeals to the benevolent side of our organization and to your Board of Trustees.

"The mother of one of these girls, more than ten years ago, was stricken with multiple sclerosis and the two daughters and mother have been

obliged to live upon less than \$110 per month of an allowance from the father's War Insurance and pension from the Government. The student applicant for our scholarship has worked arduously during the summers and on Saturdays for the last three years or more, to furnish some of her own needs and to help with the school expenses, and yet, with this condition applying to herself and family, she took an excellent course of study and ranked fairly well, although not as high as the other students to whom we have made the awards. But she maintained a place of third in a class of 150, has been a member of the National Honor Society and of the National Quill and Scroll, and was made a representative student for the senior class, has been managing editor of the school paper, President of the Press Club, President of the Junior High School Girls Club and Student Council member, member of the Science Club, on High School Players Staff, President of the Press Club, Managing Editor of the School paper, and has been a summer laboratory worker at the Modern Frosted Foods Company. During three winters she did housework, averaging ten hours a week. There are three such girls who have had almost similar experiences and as encouragement to them and reward for their struggle to gain an education and of their courage in overcoming the enormous personal disabilities from which they suffered, we have granted these three girls scholarships of \$300 each. They go to

Agnes V. Helander of Lewiston, Ida.
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Betty Louise Balls of Lawrence, Kan.

"In much the same situation as these young ladies, we find one of the young men who interrupted his school studies to give five years of

his life with the Army Infantry in World War II—three years as an enlisted man and two years as an officer, during which time for 33 months he was under shot and shell in three full campaigns against the Japanese. Although this young man has been allotted \$90 a month from the Veterans Administration while going to school, this money has been devoted to the living expenses of his mother and younger brother, so that he does not himself have the benefit of that sum of money. Although his scholastic record contains many ratings of "A", still there are many that dropped down so that, as a whole, his average is not up with the top boys to whom we have made our awards.

"At the time he was interrupted in his schooling to take his place in the Army of the United States and in defense of our country, he had been making an 'A' in every study, and since his return and re-entry into the studies at his school, his markings showed a superior intelligence and a most regular attendance and application to his studies. Your Board of Trustees feels that this young man not only is deserving of our commendation but also of our support. Any young man, interrupted as he was in his quest for an education, and devoting five years of his life to being shot at by the Japanese, who comes back home and again pursues his quest for education as vigorously as this young man has done, is entitled to our help, and we have awarded a special scholarship of \$300 to Douglas C. Sheppard of Missoula, Montana.

"The Elks National Foundation Scholarship of \$300 for Alaska has been awarded to Robert C. Winger of Juneau, Alaska, and the Foundation Scholarship of \$300 for Hawaii is awarded to David K. S. Eun of Wahiawa, Oahu."

Rod and Gun

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important items until the last minute. But an extra sale or two wasn't in Dave's mind, not with all those birds waiting. He and his wife dipped in the larder for a couple of boxes of No. 8s, picked up their shotguns, hung out a sign on their sporting goods store, "Gone hunting", and we were off. We had ample time to reach the shooting grounds by noon. We figured the four of us should be enough to keep the doves moving around and get some shooting.

When about a mile from our destination we could see that the road was blocked with cars near the barley field, as though there had been a bad accident. As we drew closer we made out what appeared to be an armed posse gathering, but when we pulled up to our secret spot, the truth was evident: every hunter in the Owens valley was there ahead of us. No one said anything for a moment, then Eddie turned around

slowly and said, "Don't be bitter, fellows."

That hunt was just a year ago, so I remember it well, and I'll remember it for many years to come. I had never been involved in such a mass hunt before. It's a great experience—to look back on. I have too great a respect for a gun to make a habit of that kind of thing. Actually a shotgun is a comparatively safe weapon. At a distance of over a hundred yards birdshot won't hurt a person, and over fifty yards it isn't lethal to man. The closer a person gets to the gun the more dangerous it is, and in his own hands it is the most dangerous. I want to know the men I'm hunting with, and as I looked at the array of shooters lining the fringe of brush along the irrigation ditch bordering the field, my ears kind of drooped. I had come out to open the dove season, not to have the dove season open me. I took refuge in

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the irrigation ditch until after the initial bombardment.

Everyone was there, including the owner of the barley field. He wasn't storming around trying to run off the intruders. He didn't even have a gun to take part in the shooting. Instead he was directing traffic, suggesting a likely stand here and there and generally playing the part of the congenial host.

H-hour was twelve sharp and nobody jumped the deadline. Maybe it was because the local warden stood out in front with a long-barreled pump gun and it wasn't obvious whether he was there to shoot doves or the first guy who stepped out of line. The birds were already milling about in bunches of from two to a dozen. Most of the hunters were backed up against the irrigation ditch and along fingers of willows which protruded into the field here and there, but a few early arrivals had moved far out into the field. They had put the birds on the move.

IT LOOKED like a slaughter was shaping up for sure. But even though such a concentration of hunters caused by opening day puts the birds at a great disadvantage, a dove is surprisingly able to take care of himself. He has a world of speed, and when he's scared he adopts a rolling, screwball flight that's tough to solve. A man can sharpen up at the traps and be a wizard at the mathematics of deflection angle and still look like a fool when he starts pounding away at doves. A cardinal rule at the plate in baseball is to keep an eye on the ball until the very instant the bat connects. A good pitcher breaks his curves at the last moment, and it's the same way with a dove. A clay bird leaves the traps at a certain speed and direction and its flight from that moment is predictable. An experienced trap shot can lead the target leisurely and confidently. He knows the joint where the shot and target will connect. But no man can predict for sure where a dove is going. The hunter must figure his lead at the

very last moment, just as he swings his gun past the rolling, twisting bird. In other words, during this first hour of the season, even though the birds were plentiful and being driven back and forth within reasonable range, there were surprisingly few birds coming down.

I sat it out for a few minutes and let loose a few ineffective blasts at birds that suddenly poured over my irrigation foxhole. I peeked out at the broad expanse of open field and figured that if I could just get out there beyond range of the firing line I'd be safe whether I got any birds or not. I made a break for it, wincing with every shot. Finally, about eighty yards out, I caught a rain shot across my back, sharp enough to sting but not penetrate. At least I was out of damaging range. From then on I enjoyed the hunt. The birds were so numerous and confused that all I needed to do was crouch, and even out in the open stubble, and some would pass within range. If another hunter approached too close, I moved on. Once I walked carelessly within sixty yards of a willow clump only to be greeted by a blast that caught me across the legs and took my breath away. It didn't amount to anything because my canvas pants and boots stopped the shot, but if the aim had been three of four feet higher I would have been spitting No. 8 shot like a pea shooter.

This was exciting hunting, not only because of the hazards of stray shot, but because of the fast-flying doves. Optimistically I had brought just one box of shells, and the limit was ten birds. Anyone should be able to collect ten out of twenty five, I thought, but I started out well below average and I wasn't fast catching up. In about an hour I had just four shells left and had somehow managed to bring down eight birds. The time had come to head back toward the highway, right through hostile territory. I made it without casualty by a wide encircling movement. En route I collected one more bird out of three shots.

As I started down the side of the

road toward the spot where I had left the rest of the gang, I noticed a dove coming right up the center of the highway flying low and with a full head of steam. A highway is out of bounds for shooting both by law and ethics. No one is supposed to shoot on, from or toward a highway; so it's a safety spot for man and beast. I stopped to watch this bird go by. I just naturally like to watch them fly, and this one wasn't killing time. I can't swear to it, but I'm almost sure this particular dove was carrying an olive branch just in case. When he was almost even with me I caught a motion out of the corner of my eye and turned just in time to see a character rise out of the ditch across the road and start to level off on the dove. That's all I took time to see. The bird was about to pass between me and the gun head high. I hit the dirt, and I could almost feel the breeze of the shot as it whizzed over me. At that distance it would have blown a hole in me like a doughnut. All I could think of as I lay there was that I had spent three years overseas and never knowingly come that close to a load of lead.

"Don't get excited," the character said, "I was shooting at the dove, not you."

An occasional gourdhead like that can give all hunters a bad name.

BACK at the irrigation ditch I found the rest of the gang, all safe. Eddie and Dave were cleaning up their limits in fine form and I sat down and smoked a cigarette to calm down. Finally I decided to try for my tenth bird with my last shell. I waited him out and picked a fairly sure thing, a bird about thirty feet high coming directly overhead. I covered him up, squeezed the trigger and he crumpled, and at the same instant a man a hundred yards off jumped up and commenced shouting, "I got him! My bird! That one that fell by you. I got him! Long shot, wasn't it?"

Eddie laughed as only Eddie can laugh and turned to me.

"Don't be bitter," he said. "Don't be bitter."

What America Is Reading

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short and diverting piece on Evelyn Waugh, the satirical novelist.

Not much has been printed about Evelyn Waugh over here: he apparently shuns the limelight and, from Mr. Linklater's essay, one gathers that he would not be very amenable to journalists out to publicize him. He was a captain during the war, served with the Commandos and at one time was aide to a certain general—a post to which Captain Waugh did not take very kindly. The first night at the general's headquarters, Linklater reports, Captain Waugh, who likes food and drink and likes to take his time enjoying them, sat long at the table and, well, drank a wee bit too much. The next morn-

ing, the general reprimanded Waugh; said he had been drunk and demanded an explanation. The captain didn't apologize though. He merely said, "I have been eating and drinking for years, and I don't propose to interrupt the habits of a lifetime merely to suit your temporary convenience." This is apparently the kind of man Evelyn Waugh is. Tough. (*Macmillan*, \$3.00)

THE LOVED ONE by Evelyn Waugh

Waugh, according to Linklater, is completely devoid of social conscience—unlike a great majority of British writers—and that statement

comes as no surprise to anyone who has ever read his books. There is, however, somewhere in his make-up a stern moralistic sense of human folly that all great satirists must have, and in his new book, *The Loved One*, it is expressed by an almost total lack of sympathy for *homo sapiens*. This very short novel is a hilarious and lunatic fantasy on certain American folkways—overdrawn, to be sure, but containing a hard kernel of truth. It is concerned with love and death in Hollywood—love and death in their most primitive and grotesque forms. The hero is a young, displaced Englishman, named Dennis Barlow, who, after an unsatisfactory career in the studios, gets a job in a

pet cemetery called the Happier Hunting Ground. He is happy in his work and finds time, while cremating various deceased pet-animals, to compose poetry, his chosen profession. By a series of events too complicated to go into here he meets and forms a sort of bemused amorous attachment to a young lady named Aimée Thanatogenos, who works in a mortuary establishment for humans called Whispering Glades. Dennis woos his inamorata with love-poems swiped, with a few important word-changes, from the *Oxford Book of English Verse*, (these plagiarisms are very entertaining) and all goes well, in a grisly fashion, until Aimée discovers the deception. I am not going to say much more about this book, except to tell you, by way of giving you an idea of its general tone, that in the end, Dennis cremates Aimée in one of his pet-furnaces. (This climax, startling as it is, is a little below par for Waugh; in an earlier novel called *Black Mischief*, he had his hero unwittingly eat the heroine at a cannibal feast—perhaps he's slipping.) Well, as I said, *The Loved One* is terribly funny, and I use the phrase advisedly. But let the buyer beware; it is not for weak stomachs. (*Little, Brown, \$2.50*)

JIM FARLEY'S STORY: THE ROOSEVELT YEARS by James A. Farley

James A. Farley's second volume of autobiography is called *Jim Farley's Story: The Roosevelt Years*, and, because of its subject matter and the momentous epoch in our history it covers, is quite naturally the more interesting of the two. The author does not much concern himself in these pages with the larger philosophical and economic issues of the New Deal years; he is a master politician, and like any good craftsman, is primarily interested in the mechanics of his trade. That F.D.R. used Farley's political genius to get into the White House has become a pretty widely accepted fact; the irony, then, that underlies this story is that, once having placed his man in the position of highest power in the land, Farley, could not get him out again when he thought the time was ripe. And that, the Third Term issue, Farley assures the reader, is why he and President Roosevelt had their now-famous falling out. It was not, he further assures us, a matter of his own political ambition; he felt that Roosevelt had broken the "rules of the game" and that it was dangerous to permit any man, regardless of what qualifications he might have, to occupy that giddy eminence for so long a time. Later in the story though, in discussing his friendship with Cordell Hull and the proposed Hull-Farley ticket for 1940, Farley does say, "Had it not been for the man many have credited me with putting in the White House, I might have been Vice-President or even President."

Understandably enough, Farley's portrait of F.D.R. is edged with considerable bitterness. However, Farley is fair; he does not, as many writers close to the White House during the Roosevelt Administrations have, distort the picture. He testifies to the famous Roosevelt charm and warmth of personality as well as to his political cold-bloodedness and his too-often quenched thirst for revenge. Farley is apparently quite sincere in his stated belief that many of the world's present ills are directly attributable to the fact that a sick man was at the helm in the United States during the last crucial years of the war when the peace was in the making. One must admit, then, that a man holding such a belief has a right to be bitter. (*Whittlesey House, \$3.50*)

THREE CARTOON BOOKS by Webster

This month's department has so far been taken up with novels, with the exception of Elliot Paul's fragment of autobiography (and I've intimated that I'm not so certain about that one), but there are a few books in the general category I think I might mention briefly as being of interest. The first three are of a frivolous nature, and so much the better. They are all by one man, the cartoonist, H. T. Webster, who, along with the late Clare Briggs, is sort of court-painter of the American people at home. *How to Torture Your Wife* is an illustrated course in that profitless but occasionally amusing occupation; *How to Torture Your Husband*, traitor that I am, is ditto; and *Who Dealt This Mess?* is a lecture with syndicated slides on how not to play bridge, a subject upon which Mr. Webster is undoubtedly the leading authority. All three are fine. (*How to Torture Your Wife, John T. Winston, \$1.50*). (*How to Torture Your Husband, John T. Winston, \$1.50*). (*Who Dealt This Mess? Doubleday, \$2.50*)

A GHOST TOWN ON THE YELLOWSTONE by Elliot Paul

In *A Ghost Town on the Yellowstone*, Elliot Paul goes merrily on his reminiscent and amiably mendacious way. This book is a continuation of his autobiography, which began, chronologically speaking, in *Linden on the Sangus Branch*, and has already dealt with later phases of Mr. Paul's career, as in *The Last Time I Saw Paris*, and *The Life And Death of a Spanish Town*. All of these books, and you may be sure there are more to come, are episodes in a large-scale autobiographical project which the author calls *Items on the Grand Account*.

A Ghost Town tells of Mr. Paul's experiences as a helper on a canal-construction job in Montana back in 1907 and 1908, when the author was just out of high school, and the story

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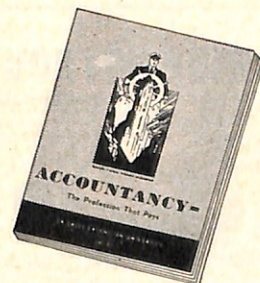
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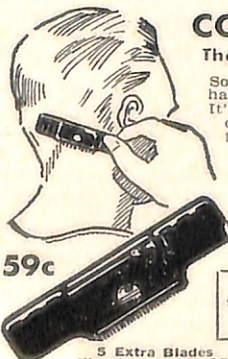
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is redolent of the loose and wooly atmosphere of the frontier. The ghost town of the tale is Trembles—a more spectral one than many of the "standing" ghost-towns of the West, for of Trembles there is not a trace today. (It got its name from a nearby clump of quaking aspen trees, called *trembles* by the early French settlers in the region, and the reason the locality was picked for the site of a town was simply that, near the clump, a stage coach had been overturned, spilling out an assortment of people who decided, in the rough and ready fashion of our forebears, that they would found a city on the spot, instantan.) Mr. Paul peoples his story with a large cast of strange and wonderful characters: Bert Lacey, an itinerant saloon-keeper, a homesteader named Johnny Highpockets, who got himself a Montgomery Ward bride, "White Stella" and her girls—of whom enough said—and a large group of supers: "Chinks", bohunks, bums and sports

of various and nefarious talents.

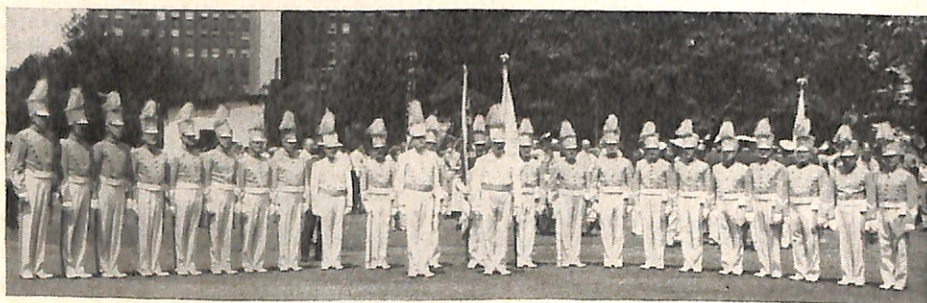
The book is made up of long anecdotes, which Mr. Paul has chopped up into chapters, and which are a testament to one of the most remarkable memories in American literature. The author recalls every detail of every conversation—and this of events that took place forty years ago—and that is why I made bold enough to characterize the book as "amiably mendacious". For my part, though, I don't care a whit, for the eating is proof of the pudding, and this one is delicious. Whether or not all these things happened quite this way—Mr. Paul mentions, though he does not actually endorse a belief in it, a kind of blue-hailstorm that used to be the scourge of Montana and that was fatal to horses but not to mules—doesn't concern me. As a veteran reader of memoirs, I know darn well that non-fiction can be stranger than truth. (*Random House, \$3.50*)

Convention Sidelights

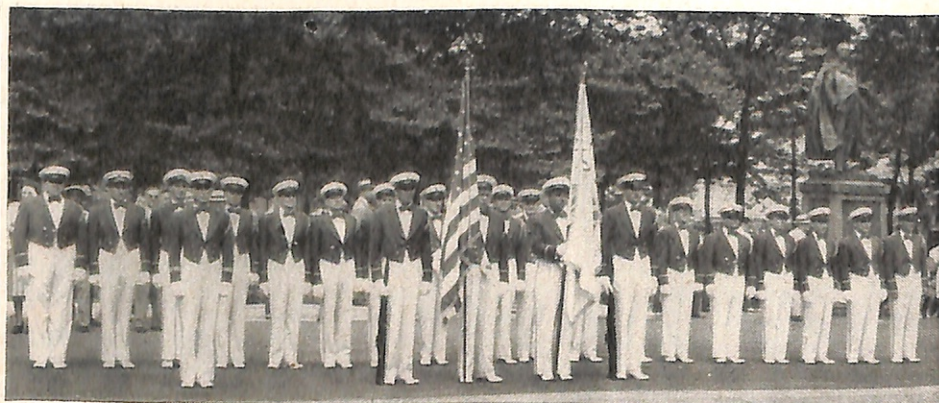
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mills and girls in Dutch costumes. The Asbury Park, N. J., Lodge entry attracted a great deal of applause with five juvenile majorettes who were joined by that seashore resort's American Legion Post No. 24 which featured a float on which comely young ladies rode plunging eye-rolling fish.

While the marchers strutted, tens of thousands of other men and women, Elks and their ladies included, watched them from crowded sidewalks and office buildings and hotel windows. The big parade, with its floats and bands and glittering costumes, was the climactic event of the Elks 84th Grand Lodge Meeting.



Lancaster, Pa., Lodge, won the Drill Team Contest.



Columbus, Ohio, Lodge, won the Band Contest.

Elk Newsletter

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issued an 80-page study "Trade Association Opportunities in Marketing Research." More and more emphasis is being placed on marketing research as the transition from a strong sellers' market to a buyers' market becomes increasingly evident, the Office points out. Before the war, nearly a third of the Nation's national and regional trade associations carried on some form of marketing research activity.

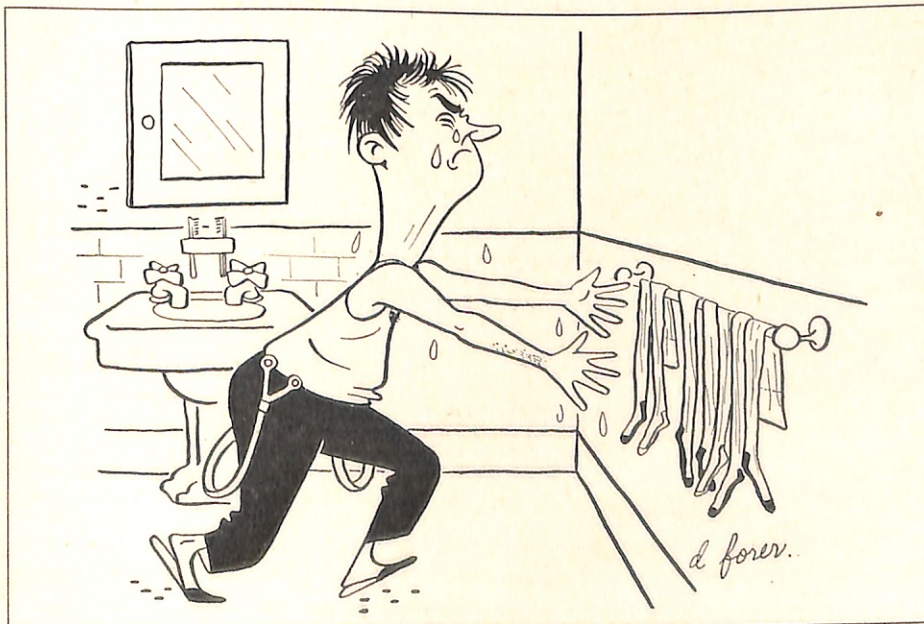


What is happening to the German scientists brought to the United States by the Armed Forces after the interruption of hostilities? Government officials are now arranging for their placement with private American firms and universities, it has been revealed. So far, berths have been found for about fifty.

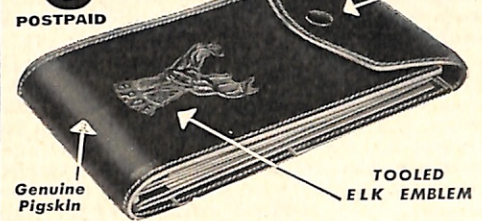
One big job they might well tackle has been outlined by the Agriculture Department which reports continued heavy losses on the insect front. According to the best estimated available, Agriculture reports, the annual losses caused by all insects in this country approximate four billion dollars. With near record harvests predicted for this year, the 1948 figure may go higher.



American occupation officials in Japan are spreading their chests about a 10-pound Japanese export which will be made this fall for the first time since the war. And the 10 pounds represents the entire crop. What is more, they expect to double the figure next year. What is this 10-pound export? It consists of double petunia seeds which produce rare plants bearing double blossoms. Since an ounce contains 280,000 seeds, the 10-pound shipment to be received in the United States this fall will contain some 12,800,000 seeds. They are worth from \$250 to \$300 an ounce.



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 Kansas, W., *C. E. KLEIN*, Goodland No. 1528
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 Kentucky, W., *JAS. T. DUNCAN*, Owensboro No. 144
 Louisiana, N., *EDWARD O. PAYNE*, Natchitoches No. 1363
 Louisiana, S., *FELIX J. MARX*, Baton Rouge No. 490
 Maine, E., *M. J. McGRAIL*, Gardiner No. 1293
 Maine, W., *FRED J. ORINO*, Rumford No. 862
 Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia, E., *IVY R. TODD, JR.*, Cambridge, Md., No. 1272
 Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia, W., *DANIEL E. SULLIVAN*, Baltimore, Md., No. 7
 Massachusetts, Cent., *GEORGE F. MURPHY*, Framingham No. 1264
 Massachusetts, Metropolitan, *ANDREW A. BIGGIO*, Winthrop No. 1078
 Massachusetts, N. E., *FRED C. CALNAN*, Lawrence No. 65
 Massachusetts, S. E., *WILLIAM A. ROHMAN*, Attleboro No. 1014
 Massachusetts, W., *WILLIAM J. DUROCHER*, North Adams No. 487
 Michigan, N., *GEORGE HAWKE*, Marquette No. 405
 Michigan, N. E., *LEO N. DINE*, Saginaw No. 47
 Michigan, N. W., *J. ERNEST HOOS*, Muskegon No. 274
 Michigan, S. E., *AUSTIN D. ESLER*, Pontiac No. 810
 Michigan, S. W., *A. MERRITT LINDSLEY*, Hillsdale No. 1575
 Minnesota, N., *J. E. BLOOMQUIST*, Thief River Falls No. 1308
 Minnesota, S., *MICHAEL T. NILAN*, Austin No. 414
 Mississippi, N., *J. B. PRICE*, Canton No. 458
 Mississippi, S., *C. B. ROBERTS*, Pascagoula No. 1120
 Missouri, E., *ANTHONY J. BECKMANN*, Washington No. 1559
 Missouri, N. W., *GLENN G. GRISWOLD*, St. Joseph No. 40
 Missouri, S. W., *ELDON R. WELTON*, Nevada No. 564
 Montana, E., *DALLAS J. SMITH*, Livingston No. 246
 Montana, N., *ROY A. PENHALE*, Polson No. 1695
 Montana, W., *OSKAR O. LYMPUS*, Missoula "Hellgate" No. 383
 Nebraska, E., *PAUL D. ZIMMER*, Falls City No. 963
 Nebraska, W., *Y. H. SEATON*, Alliance No. 961
 Nevada, *NEWTON H. CRUMLEY*, Elko No. 1472
 New Hampshire, *LUCIEN LANGLIER*, Rochester No. 1393
 New Jersey, Cent., *LOUIS A. SPINE*, Somerville No. 1068
 New Jersey, N. E., *JOSEPH F. BADER*, Lyndhurst No. 1505
 New Jersey, N. W., *SAMUEL O. OFFEN*, Newark No. 21
 New Jersey, S., *PETER J. MUSSO*, Vineland No. 1422
 New Mexico, N., *WILLIAM P. CRAWFORD*, Raton No. 865
 New Mexico, S., *WILLIAM T. HALDERMAN*, Artesia No. 1717
 New York, Cent., *WILLIAM J. QUIGLEY*, Gloversville No. 226
 New York, E., *VICTOR D. LEVITT, JR.*, Mount Vernon No. 842
 New York, E. Cent., *RAYMOND HENRY*, Middletown No. 1097
 New York, N., *RALPH R. McLEAR*, Ogdensburg No. 772
 New York, N. Cent., *ROLAND C. QUADE*, Fulton No. 830
 New York, N. E., *PAUL S. SMOYER*, Hudson No. 787
 New York, S. Cent., *HAROLD L. STANTON*, Binghamton No. 852
 New York, S. E., *FRANKLIN J. FITZPATRICK*, Lynbrook No. 1515
 New York, W., *EARL C. STAHL*, North Tonawanda No. 860
 New York, W. Cent., *ROBERT E. NOONAN*, Batavia No. 950
 North Carolina, Cent., *JOHN E. CLINE*, Southern Pines No. 1692
 North Carolina, E., *J. D. COOKE*, Goldsboro No. 139
 North Carolina, W., *JOHN W. PARKS*, Gastonia No. 1634
 North Dakota, *G. A. FRASER*, Fargo No. 260
 Ohio, N. Cent., *THOMAS L. GILLILAND*, Delaware No. 76
 Ohio, N. E., *GEORGE KINGDOM*, Conneaut No. 256
 Ohio, N. W., *LOUIS A. KUENZLI*, Upper Sandusky No. 83
 Ohio, S. Cent., *LESLIE SCRIMGER*, Columbus No. 37
 Ohio, S. E., *THOMAS J. PRICE*, Zanesville No. 114
 Ohio, S. W., *LAWRENCE E. BRUBAKER*, Troy No. 833
 Oklahoma, E., *J. R. STARNES*, Sapulpa No. 1118
 Oklahoma, W., *HERMAN J. SALZ*, Woodward No. 1355
 Oregon, N. E., *ANTHONY YTURRI*, Ontario No. 1690
 Oregon, N. W., *FRANK HISE*, Corvallis No. 1413
 Oregon, S., *WILLIAM L. STOLLMACK*, Bend No. 1371
 Pennsylvania, N., *A. C. SCHALK, SR.*, Clearfield No. 540
 Pennsylvania, N. Cent., *GILBERT F. SUMMERSON*, Danville No. 754
 Pennsylvania, N. E., *SAMUEL M. BRAYBROOK*, Freeland No. 1145
 Pennsylvania, N. W., *EMMET E. McWHERTER*, Sharon No. 103
 Pennsylvania, S., *CLARENCE E. BRAUN*, Tarentum No. 644
 Pennsylvania, S. Cent., *CHARLES B. FRIDY, JR.*, Columbia No. 1074
 Pennsylvania, S. E., *HORACE P. SCHMIDT*, Bristol No. 970
 Pennsylvania, S. W., *WILLIAM M. LYTTLE*, Donora No. 1265
 Philippine Republic, *THOMAS J. WOLFF*, Manila No. 761
 Puerto Rico, *A. J. PERRONE*, San Juan No. 972
 Rhode Island, *HOWARD L. GOODWIN*, Newport No. 104
 South Carolina, *HUBERT E. NOLIN*, Greenville No. 858
 South Dakota, *SAM MARGOLIN*, Deadwood No. 508
 Tennessee, E., *HERMAN CONWAY SMITH*, Morristown No. 1667
 Tennessee, W., *HENRY W. BEAUDOIN*, Memphis No. 1612
 Texas, Cent., *FOREST D. GATHRIGHT*, Austin No. 201
 Texas, E., *R. M. SIMS*, Crockett No. 1729
 Texas, N., *C. L. BARNHART*, Fort Worth No. 124
 Texas, S. E., *WALTER G. JONES*, Houston No. 151
 Texas, S. W., *J. H. LAMM*, San Antonio No. 216
 Texas, W., *J. P. WOODWARD*, Plainview No. 1175
 Utah, *RICHARD T. MITCHELL*, Price No. 1550
 Vermont, *CHARLES W. HOUGHTON*, Bellows Falls No. 1619
 Virginia, E., *JOHN H. LIESFELD*, Richmond No. 45
 Virginia, W., *EDWIN T. SNIDER*, Winchester No. 867
 Washington, E., *GEORGE E. CLARK*, Yakima No. 318
 Washington, N. W., *EVERETT M. SPENCE*, Everett No. 479
 Washington, S. W., *JOHN PANESKO*, Chehalis No. 1374
 West Virginia, N., *JAMES E. PENDERGAST*, Clarksburg No. 482
 West Virginia, S., *WILLIAM F. COOK*, Princeton No. 1459
 Wisconsin, N. E., *LEO H. SCHMALZ*, Kaukauna No. 962
 Wisconsin, N. W., *LYLE W. WEBSTER*, Rice Lake No. 1441
 Wisconsin, S., *CHARLES F. SCHUETZE*, Waukesha No. 400
 Wyoming, N., *RAYMOND G. DIEFENDERFER*, Sheridan No. 520
 Wyoming, S., *HARRY J. CASHMAN*, Rawlins No. 609

NEWS OF THE LODGES



DALLAS, TEX., Lodge, No. 71, lost one of its best friends and most devoted members when George W. Loudermilk passed away June 8th at the age of 74.

As a Past Exalted Ruler and Trustee of Dallas Lodge, Mr. Loudermilk took a leading part in the charity work of the Texas Elks and assisted in founding the great hospital for infantile paralysis sufferers at Ottine. While serving as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Institution in 1943, he spearheaded the building of the hospital.

An Elk since 1900, Mr. Loudermilk served as Dallas Lodge's leader for five terms. A Lodge Trustee for 20 years, he was Chairman of that group at the time of his death.

The Grand Lodge of the Order also received his assistance, particularly when he acted as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee and as Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight. The Texas Association felt the benefit of his efforts as President in 1934, and as a member of the Board of the Crippled Children's Institution since 1942. At the recent meeting of the Association in June, he was elected to serve a term of eight years as Co-Chairman of Trustees of that organization.

Funeral services for Mr. Loudermilk were held on June 12th from the Central Christian Church of which he had been a member for 55 years, with members of his lodge, including Past Grand Exalted Ruler William H. Atwell, officiating.

A resident of Dallas since he was eight years old, Mr. Loudermilk owned a funeral home, and was the builder of the Hilton Hotel, now the White Plaza, where he lived until his death.

Besides his Elk affiliation, Mr. Loudermilk was a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows and other fraternal organizations, and a charter member of the Woodmen of the World. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louryne Loudermilk, and a niece.

Punxsutawney, Pa., Lodge presents an operating table to the Adrian Hospital. Left to right: Dr. Hollister W. Lyon, E.R. William Gourley, Secy. Mervin L. Means, Hospital Supt. J. L. Thomas and Benjamin Irvin, President of the institution's Board of Directors.

ELKS NATIONAL HOME members took rightful pride in its Flag Day ceremony, which was attended by about 300 persons. Members of the Bedford, Va., Boy Scout Troop were the Flag bearers during a sketch of the history of Old Glory given by William J. Martens of New York Lodge No. 1. Another speaker on this memorable occasion was Daniel F. Edginton of Wichita, Kans., a Past Exalted Ruler of the Home Lodge, and Past Grand Trustee Clyde Jennings of Lynchburg, Va., Lodge gave the principal address.

A double quartet from the Bedford Presbyterian Church offered several fine vocal selections and altar services were led by the lodge officers. The Bedford Fire Dept. Band entertained the guests with a concert and a flag-raising service on the lawn.

Delegations from the Virginia Lodges of Roanoke, Clifton Forge and Lynchburg were on hand, making this observance one of the finest ever held by the Home Lodge.

LAS VEGAS, N. M., Lodge, No. 408, is more than passively interested in the medical profession. It isn't enough merely to donate cash and gifts to hospitals. On June 3rd, 4th and 5th No. 408 donated the use of its home to the New Mexico Medical Association for its annual convention.

Booths were set up by various manufacturers of medical supplies and equipment, among them displays by the State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and by the Atomic Energy Commission from Los Alamos in which a Geiger Counter and various other items were on view to show the effects of radiation on human tissues, and some of the results of recent studies for the control and treatment of radiation after-effects.

The meetings were well attended by physicians and surgeons from all over the State, many of whom were members of Elks lodges in their various communities. The principal speaker was Dr. Morris Fishbein, Editor of the *American Medical Association Journal*.





NEWS of the LODGES



Florence, Ala., Lodge presents a \$600 check to Muscle Shoals Area Girl Scout Council to aid in the development of a Girl Scout Camp near Florence. Left to right are Mrs. William Milliken, Council Director; Mrs. Henry E. Lamar, Council Treasurer, and Secretary John Marshall and Exalted Ruler Adin Batson of Florence Lodge.

E.R. W. E. Thompson of Lakeland, Fla., Lodge receives from District Commander Harry L. Wheeler, left, the Boy Scout Charter 103 for the Troop sponsored by the members of Lakeland Lodge.

This is the Coeur D'Alene, Ida., Lodge entry in the Fourth of July celebration of the city. The celebration is one of the largest annual observances of Independence Day in the Pacific Northwest area.



The above picture was taken at the home of Charlotte, N. C., Lodge and shows the youngsters that lodge sent for a two-week vacation at the wonderful Boys Camp at Hendersonville which is maintained by the North Carolina State Elks Association.



Members of Tarentum, Pa., Lodge and Boy Scouts of the Algonquin District are pictured at the lodge home during a meeting at which plans were made for the lodge's sponsoring of a canoe trip for several of the Scouts who used the Senior Scout Base Cabin on Lake Lynn. Left to right are Dr. L. C. Kline, Henry Linder, Ernest Spangler, Scouts William Mitchell, Richard Geisler and Thomas Wagner, Clifford H. Sober, Elk Committee Chairman L. Heck, Wellington Johns, Carlton Wagner, Scout Lloyd Wagner, Attorney E. W. Hays, Scouts George Wilt and William Kabias, Lewis Swerling, Capt. E. K. Campbell and E. V. Shoop.

Above: Price, Utah, Lodge initiated a birthday class celebrating its 19th anniversary. The initiates are pictured with the officers of the lodge. Second row: Chaplain Barney DeVietti, Loyal Knight Harris Simonsen, Lead. Knight Art Bertola, Esq. William Daniels, Inner Guard Dwight Wadleigh, and, rear row, Organist Charles Smith, Lect. Knight Howard Hanks, E.R. Robert Carnavali, Tiler Bruce Madsen and Secy. Joe Hammond.

Right: Tulsa, Okla., Lodge put over a project to give the community its first portable Iron Lung with a public demonstration of its adjustability. At top is E.R. Jack Keefe, Chairman of Social Welfare Roy Gilmore and Co-Chairman J. L. Atkins; standing, Fire and Police Commissioner J. F. Lawrence, Jr., and Asst. Fire Chief W. L. Thornton.





NEWS of the LODGES

BOISE, IDA., Lodge, No. 310, has adopted novel plans for assistance to poor families in foreign countries.

Each lodge meeting night a drawing is made for cash and for an Elks pin. The winners of these prizes are automatically on the Friendship Committee and has the privilege of furnishing a box of necessities, at lodge expense, for a foreign family. The name of the family to receive this gift usually is supplied by local Elks who are positive of the family's need. This practice is continued from week to week and in a small way considered a contribution to the friendship efforts of the nation. A letter also is written to the family, advising them of the mailing of the package and asking them to reply in their own language. The answers received to date have been extremely interesting.

It is fitting that the Boise Elks take such an interest in the welfare of foreign families, as an aftermath of the war. One of its members displayed such prowess in World War II as to deserve the Congressional Medal of Honor, our country's highest tribute. He is Lloyd G. McCarter and is the only living Congressional Medal of Honor veteran of the recent conflict, in Idaho.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF., Lodge, No. 613, in an impressive formal revue and presentation ceremony awarded medals to two outstanding cadets of the University of California, Santa Barbara College ROTC.

The awards were made on the college drill field and the honored cadets were 1st/Sgt. Kenneth Bonilla, who received his award from E.R. R. P. Morehouse, and Pvt. Dennis Donavan, to whom Est. Lead. Knight J. Emmet Mack made the presentation. Both young men received the medals for excellence in competitive drills in the manual of arms.

This is the first year the college has maintained an ROTC unit, and the Santa Barbara Elks plan to perpetuate the presentation of awards to outstanding cadets, thereby strengthening our national security and defense program by fostering and promoting interest in the ROTC and similar activities.

Reviewing the troops during the formal parade were Col. Richard G. McKee, Commanding Officer of the UC SBC unit; Major Francis A. Farley and Captain Alvin S. Isaacs of the Reserve Officers Assn. who presented memberships to cadet officers, and Captain Bert M. Cottrell, CO of the Santa Barbara

U. S. Army and Air Force Recruiting Main Station and a member of the lodge aiding in the ceremonies.

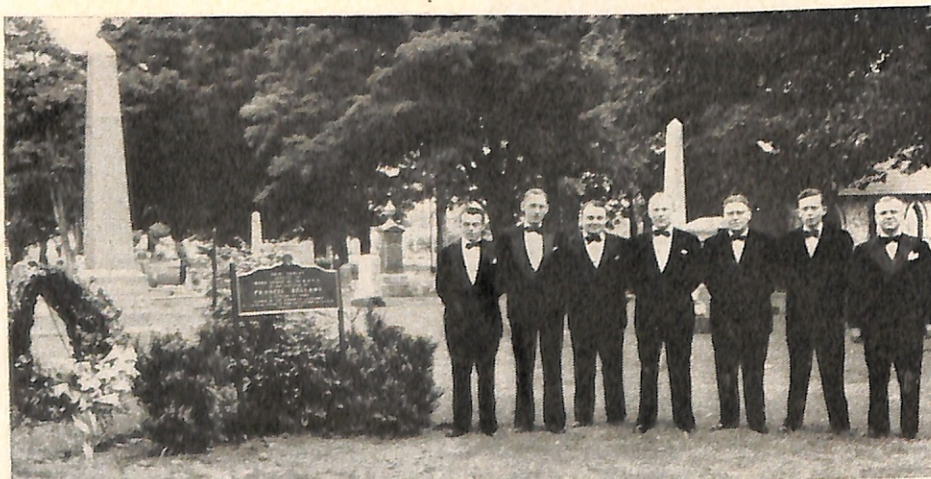
HINTON, W. VA., Lodge, No. 821, which owns the Willow Wood Country Club there, recently staged the Second Annual West Virginia Elks Golf Tournament, inaugurated by Hinton Lodge last year. The 1948 title went to a Charleston entry, Earl Jones, who shot a nine-over-par 225 for the 54 holes played during the three-day tourney. Approximately 30 Elks participated. Second place was a tie between W. E. Rogers of Fairmont and Robert S. Turner of Hinton, with 231 apiece, and the fourth place went to Jack Burger of Beckley who shot a 235.

E.R. Harold B. Eagle of the host lodge presented the winner's trophy to Mr. Jones, plus a full set of irons, and distributed approximately \$125 worth of other prizes, mostly golf equipment.

The members of Hinton Lodge, urged by P.D.D. John R. Faulconer, purchased controlling interest in this nine-hole club about three years ago, thereby establishing a summer haven for Hinton and visiting Elks.

The State Elks Golf Tournament was started last year, largely to the efforts of Ray E. Sawyers of Hinton Lodge, and promises to become one of the outstanding annual attractions of West Virginia Elkdom. The lodge has voted to spend approximately \$5,000 to construct an addition to the clubhouse, housing a combination card room and lounge. Tennis courts and a swimming dock are new attractions.

CORRECTION: Page 33 of our August issue erroneously carried the following as members of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee: Chairman William J. Jernick; members Judge John J. Scileppi, Edward A. Spry, N. H. Feder and William L. O'Neill. These men are Chairman and members, respectively, of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee.



The memory of the author of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Francis Bellamy, is honored by his lodge, Rome, N. Y., by the dedication of a monument. Left to right are officers Howard Pierce, E.R. W. A. Jones, Jerold Butts, R. J. Dunn, Francis Adler, James Griffin and Joseph Ferlo.

More than 550 Elks and their guests gathered at a dinner party given by Winona, Minn., Lodge. At a get-together later, these Elks enjoyed a stag discussion. Left to right: E.R. S. J. Kryzsko, Winona Lodge, State Chaplain Dr. Donald Henning, E.R. Lawrence Otterson of Red Wing Lodge, Dr. D. T. Burt and L. N. Haggerty, social welfare worker for the Assn.

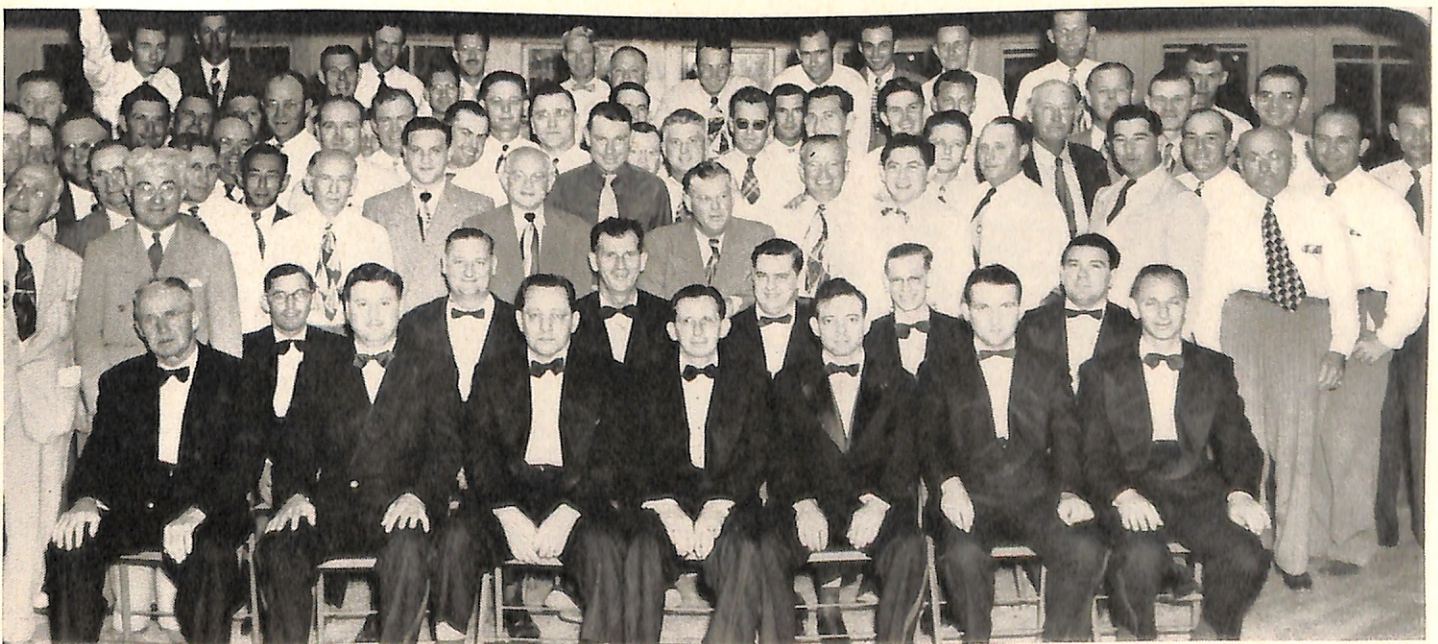




This fine group of men is the largest class ever initiated into Lebanon, Ind., Lodge. Among those present on this occasion was State Assn. Secy. C. L. Shideler. The lodge officers are also shown.

This is the \$7,100 fully equipped Cadillac ambulance purchased by Newburgh, N. Y., Lodge for St. Luke's Hospital. The Chairman of the Committee which worked two years to raise the money for this gift, Loyal Knight H. R. Weller, and his wife lost their lives in an automobile accident less than a month before the presentation of the gift.

Some 250 Elks attended the institution of El Campo, Tex., Lodge, No. 1749, under the auspices of Beaumont, Tex., Lodge. Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Hawley Atwell delivered an inspiring address at the initiation of 94 candidates with six limited members. D.D. Chas. E. Jones was in charge of the ceremonies, with P.D.D.'s W. J. Quinlan and M. A. deBettencourt on hand.





NEWS OF THE LODGES

1

The officers of Balboa, C. Z., Lodge are pictured with a large class of candidates initiated in honor of retiring Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis.

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This photograph was taken at the home of New York Lodge at the Annual Dinner-Dance of a group of Elks who are employees of the Consolidated Edison Co. of New York and are members of various lodges in the Metropolitan area. In the first row, left to right, are Chairman James P. Dolan of the Board of Trustees and E. R. Joseph E. Vincent, both of Jersey City, N. J., Lodge, George F. Sutton, President Charles P. McGovern of the New Jersey State Elks Association, President Andrew McMahon of the Company's Employees' Union, LeRoy McKeever and Frank Vint, Jr.

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Members recently initiated into Billings, Mont., Lodge, whose home is being remodeled and redecorated.

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Officers of Modesto, Calif., Lodge are pictured with a group of new Elks. The officers are, left to right: Tiler Joseph Pirrone, Chaplain George Ingle, Lect. Knight Warren Jaggard, Lead. Knight Chas. J. Hall, E. R. Wm. J. Fritts, Loyal Knight Francis W. Halley, Secy. Arlo Simon, Esq. Ted Martz and Inner Guard Howard Hutchinson.

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These men comprise a recent contingent of new Elks of Cheyenne, Wyo.



1. BALBOA, C. Z.



2. NEW YORK

KNOW YOUR AIR FORCE POWER

TO OUR BROTHER ELKS:

September 18, 1948, has been designated as "AIR FORCE DAY". General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Air Force, in a recent communication pointed out that our organization has always been a generous supporter of the U. S. Army and Air Force voluntary recruiting programs and urges us to join this year in observing "Air Force Day".

As your Grand Exalted Ruler, I am confident that in accepting this invitation for our Order, I will have the full cooperation of our entire membership.

The purpose of "Air Force Day" is to emphasize the meaning and significance of air power and the importance of the Air Force to the security of the country and to the peace of the world. The yearly observance also serves as an opportunity to review the Air Force's contributions to peacetime progress, as well as to military preparedness to remind the public of the need to help provide and maintain an adequate Air Army, to show why there must be a constant program of research and development and

to pay tribute to those who pioneered the development of air power and served their country in the air.

"Air Force Day" observance will be conducted by the Air Force on September 18th throughout the United States and by our Stations overseas.

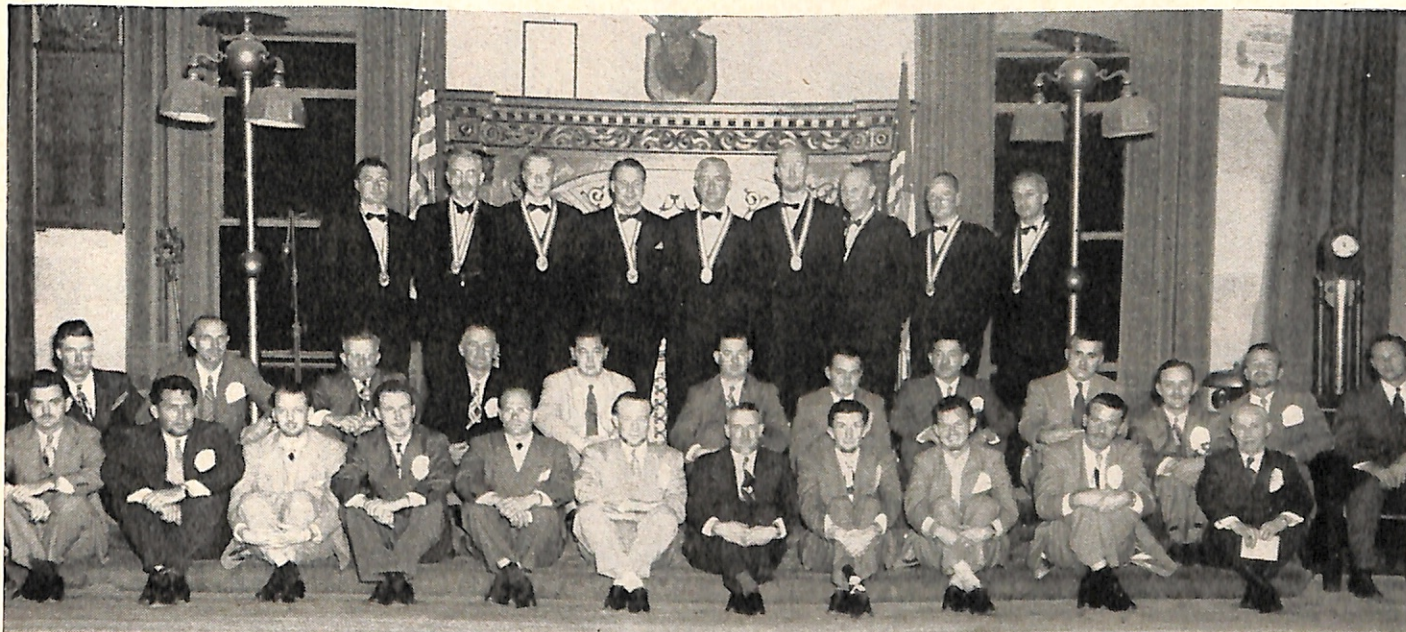
I urge all Exalted Rulers and the members of our lodges to cooperate in every way possible in making this "Air Force Day" an outstanding success. We are proud of our past achievements in all patriotic activities. We should do everything in our power to maintain this record. It is *our* Air Force. It is our privilege to be among the leaders in honoring it publicly.

George I. Hall

GEORGE I. HALL
GRAND EXALTED RULER
AIR POWER IS PEACE POWER



3. BILLINGS, MONT.



4. MODESTO, CALIF.



5. CHEYENNE, WYO.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

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Scholarships amounting to \$1,300 are awarded to students by Nashville, Tenn., Lodge. Charter Member Frank Bath hands the Elks National Foundation \$300 award, in conjunction with the Tenn. Elks Assn., to Miss Doris Tomlinson, who took first place in this year's Tennessee Elks Contest.



1. NASHVILLE, TENN.

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P.E.R. Floyd Tumbleson, left, with members of Huntington Park, Calif., Lodge's Boy Scout Troop marksmen at the recent Southern California Scout-o-Rama in Los Angeles' Gilmore Stadium, where 15,000 Scouts participated before about 45,000 spectators.



2. HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIF.

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The first films in the "Our American Heritage" series are distributed to the Tulsa, Okla., public and parochial schools. Left to right are Chairman C. L. Sechler of the lodge's Americanism Committee, P.E.R. A. R. Hassler, Public School Superintendent Dr. Charles C. Mason, Mrs. Elinor Phillips, visual education coordinator, and Dr. Jess Hudson, director of curriculum.



3. SOUTH ORANGE, N. J.

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Falls Memorial Hospital receives a \$1,072.55 check from members of International Falls, Minn., Lodge. Left to right are retiring Secy. Clinton Davis, C. L. Peterson, Chairman of the Hospital Board, General Chairman C. J. Kusnierek of the project raising the money, P.E.R. A. J. Carew and Financial Chairman George McIntyre.

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P.E.R. W. E. O'Brien presents a \$10,000 check to Judge Hilliard Comstock of the Superior Court, General Chairman of the Fund-Raising Committee for the Santa Rosa, Calif., Memorial Hospital Drive. This huge gift was made toward the new hospital by Santa Rosa Elks in memory of the late P.E.R. Herbert W. Slater, Dean of the Calif. State Legislature.

7

Orlando, Fla., Lodge, represented by Esteemed Leading Knight H. Wilmot Lesser and Tiler Hampton J. Goodwin, present a wheel chair to Edward Hull who is both blind and crippled.

8

Lead. Knight H. I. Lidster, right, presents Sacramento, Calif., Lodge's gift of a beautiful silver service to retiring D.D. Dudley T. Fortin as E.R. N. G. Culjis looks on. Over 500 Elks attended the dinner for Mr. Fortin.

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A colorful night street parade, headed by officers and the mascot of Lakewood, N. J., Lodge follows the initiation of a class of fifty-three new Elks.

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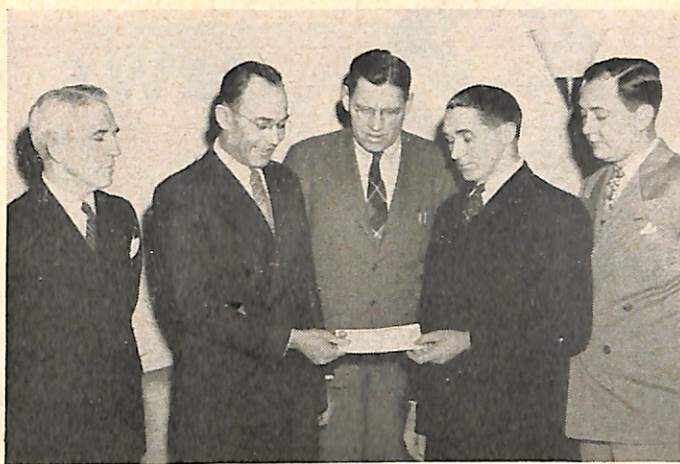
Dr. Kenneth A. O'Connor, Chairman of Oak Ridge, Tenn., Lodge's Scholarship Committee, presents a scholarship award to Miss Bella Carodiskey, 1948 high school graduate, as her parents and lodge officers look on.

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Here are some of those who attended the banquet given in honor of the local high school band and orchestra by members of Elkhart, Ind., Lodge.



4. TULSA, OKLA.



5. INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINN.



6. SANTA ROSA, CALIF.



7. ORLANDO, FLA.



8. SACRAMENTO, CALIF.



9. LAKEWOOD, N. J.



10. OAK RIDGE, TENN.



11. ELKHART, IND.



NEWS OF THE LODGES

1

Elk golfers gather for the traditional picture during the second annual West Virginia Elks Golf Tournament, staged by Hinton Lodge at the lovely, Elk-owned Willow Wood Country Club.

2

Forty-three members of the Freedom Class initiated by Minot, N. D., Lodge are pictured with the lodge officers.

3

High School Juniors and Seniors who were entertained at Logansport, Ind., Lodge's annual Prom Party this year.

4

Sterling, Ill., Lodge's \$500 check is contributed to the Rock Falls Ambulance Fund by E.R. James Frasor. Fire Chief John Edeus accepts the gift, as Chairman Owen Beatty of the lodge's Welfare Committee looks on. Sterling Lodge donated \$1,000 this year to the purchase of equipment for supervised summer playgrounds of Sterling and Rock Island.

5

Holyoke, Mass., Lodge presents a modern etherizing machine to Holyoke Hospital. Hospital Pres. James N. Logan stands at left and Supt. Carl F. Weiler examines the machine. P.E.R. Theodore C. Kedzierski and William J. Donoghue, Committee Chairman, made the presentation.

6

The Degree Team of Sullivan, Ind., Lodge which accepts invitations from sister lodges to initiate candidates, thus helping inter-lodge relations.

7

The annual banquet of Leominster, Mass., Lodge's Past Exalted Rulers Association had 19 of the 24 living former lodge leaders in attendance.

8

Caldwell, Ida., Lodge's Ladies Bowling Team accepts the State and City Championship trophy from the lodge's Secretary, Nicholas Ney. They are, left to right, Verda Stuart, Captain Vivian Chesnut, Garry Dunbar, Gean Balding and Flo Jensen.

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Est. Lead. Knight E. G. Fegan, left, and E.R. Carmine Addesso of San Diego, Calif., Lodge, pictured before display window featuring Boy Scout activities, in which the Elks are interested, as they now sponsor a Troop.



1. WEST VIRGINIA ELKS



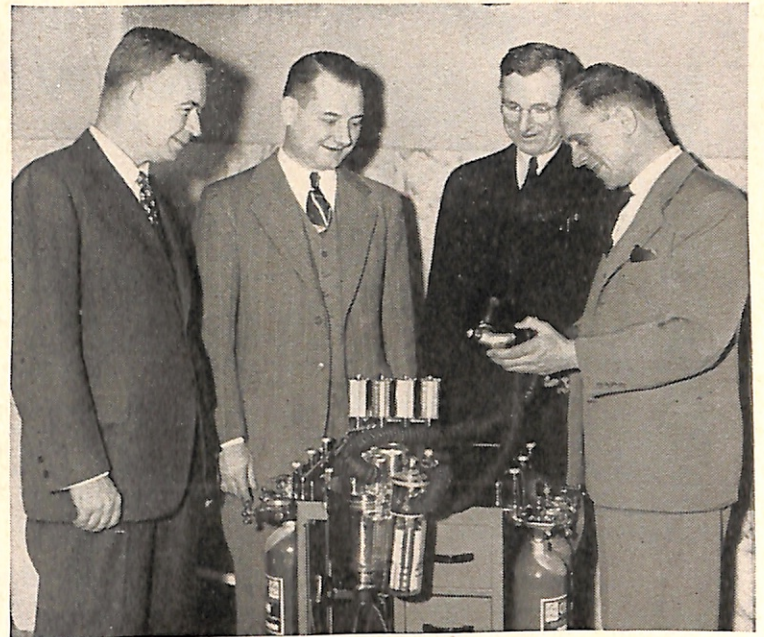
2. MINOT, N. D.



3. LOGANSPORT, IND.



4. STERLING, ILL.



5. HOLYOKE, MASS.



6. SULLIVAN, IND.



7. LEOMINSTER, MASS.



8. CALDWELL, IDA.



9. SAN DIEGO, CALIF.



NEWS OF THE LODGES

1

A delegation of Anchorage, Alaska, Elks and ladies about to take off from Elmendorf Field on a good will tour to Honolulu, San Francisco and Seattle. The picture includes P.D.D. Frank Bayer, Past Exalted Rulers Vernon Johnson and Louis Odsather, Est. Lead. Knight Luther J. Weeda and Tour Manager Clifton Nelson.

2

Competing high school students are pictured with officials of Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge and school dignitaries. This year marks the 12th Annual Scholarship Contest of the lodge in which nearly 20 awards are made.

3

The officers of Minneapolis, Minn., Lodge, headed by E.R. Lou Pomerleau, with their first class of 22 candidates. Grand Tiler Emory Hughes, rear center, witnessed the initiation.

4

E.R. Ted W. Nelson of Redlands, Calif., Lodge receives the Charter of Sea Scout Ship 1 from Boy Scout Council President Sidney Milbank, while Committee Chairman Dale L. Ferguson, Ship's Officers and crew look on.

5

At the presentation of Artesia, N. M., Lodge's gift of an oxygen tent to the Municipal Hospital are, left to right: Esq. Chester Miller, Est. Lead. Knight Tom Bryan, Sister Mary Irene, E.R. W. T. Haldeman, Trustee F. C. Hart, Sister Marcellina, Sister Mary Ann and Secretary George Ferriman.

6

Members of Binghamton, N. Y., Lodge and its "Youth Movement" Committee inspect the broadcasting equipment the lodge gave the city's Boys Club. The Station, W-ELK, was dedicated by Elk, city and Boys Club officials at impressive ceremonies.

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Here is the cast of the Minstrel Show of Reading, Pa., Lodge. The cast is made up of E.R. B. Harrison McCoy, four P.E.R.'s, two Chair officers, a Trustee and 13 members, and they've performed for Mt. Penn War Memorial Fund, St. Francis Orphanage, and Lancaster Lodge besides three rousing performances for their own lodge.

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Inglewood, Calif., Lodge recently established an Annual Scholarship to El Camino College. Left to right are: Herman Sheffield, Student Activities

Director of El Camino; Vern Rice, a member of the lodge and principal of Leuzinger High School; Kenneth Hurlbert, principal of Inglewood High; F. G. Murdock, President of El Camino College; Exalted Ruler H. D. Stephenson and P.E.R. B. L. Livingston as they discussed scholarship rules.

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Bert Johnson, Chairman of the proposed Morrow County Pioneer Memorial Hospital, holds a \$5,000 check donated by Heppner, Ore., Lodge. E.R. Terrel Bengel stands at the right and Secretary F. F. Connor at left.

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These boys make up the Junior Baseball Team sponsored by Port Jervis, N. Y., Lodge's Youth Aid Committee. At rear, left to right are: Corporation Counsel Harry Silvers, Alderman Harvey J. Mead, P.E.R. Wm. A. Clancy, P.E.R. Mayor John F. Schoonmaker, Walter J. Ott, P.E.R. Arthur Kuenzel and Chief of Police Stewart L. Rippon, members of the Youth Aid Committee.

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Here is a group of fifty-five Litchfield, Ill., Elk bowlers as they were about to entrain for Rochester, N. Y., for the Elks National Bowling Tournament.



1. ANCHORAGE, ALASKA



2. MILWAUKEE, WIS.



3. MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.



4. REDLANDS, CALIF.



5. ARTESIA, N. M.



6. BINGHAMTON, N. Y.



7. READING, PA.



8. INGLEWOOD, CALIF.



9. HEPPNER, ORE.



10. PORT JERVIS, N. Y.



11. LITCHFIELD, ILL.

editorial



THE FOUNDATION

Plato once said, "The direction in which education starts a man will determine his later life." The Elks National Foundation has adopted this maxim as the peg on which to hang its hat.

In its comprehensive and enlightening written Report which was distributed to the members of the Grand Lodge, and excerpts from which were printed in the August issue of this Magazine, and in the Supplementary Report which appears elsewhere in this issue, the Foundation presents positive proof that it takes its place beside the great educational and charitable foundations in the United States. Its possibilities are boundless, it is an ever-increasing philanthropy, and it is further evidence that the generous heart of the B.P.O.E. is always open to those who wish to help themselves.

Although it was created in the opening days of the greatest financial depression in history, the Foundation not only weathered a decade of economic disaster, but flourished and grew prosperous when the whole world faced, and conquered, economic collapse.

This remarkable record was unquestionably the result of the care with which its funds have been handled by the Foundation's Board of Trustees, of which Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley has been its one and only Chairman since the Foundation was created by the Grand Lodge in 1929. Every dollar that goes into the Foundation funds remains to work in perpetuity for its donor, and none is used for administrative purposes, the Grand Lodge, out of its general fund, paying all of these expenses. The income alone is used, and every outlay for educational and other philanthropic purposes is expended with the most searching scrutiny.

In order that every individual Elk might have an opportunity to contribute to the Foundation in such amount as his interest and generosity dictate, and with the purpose that a permanent record should be kept of the names of the donors, "The Golden Book of Elksdom" was recently inaugurated, and already its pages record the generosity of the members of the Order at large.

However, the most spectacular contribution to the Foundation was the recent action taken by the Elks of the State of Pennsylvania, where at the Grand Lodge Convention in Philadelphia Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow, on behalf of the Elks of his State, contributed to the Foundation, the astonishing sum of \$460,000. No greater evidence could be desired to attest to the magnificent spirit of philanthropy which is inherent in the members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.



A SIGNIFICANT ACTION

With so many organizations, both fraternal and otherwise, hesitating to take direct action in the serious matter of

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Communist infiltration into their ranks, the recent statutory amendment adopted by the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia takes on deep significance.

Not only does the amendment state that "no person shall be accepted as a member of the Order who is directly or indirectly a member of or affiliated with the Communist Party" . . . but it goes on to say in a corollary resolution, also unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge, that "any member of the Order who is a member of the Communist Party or who either directly or indirectly participates in the activities of the said Party . . . shall be expelled from the Order".

That, we submit, is taking action as directly as possible. There are no evasions, no equivocations, no weasel words. The Order of Elks will have no truck with the Communist Party, and that's flat. This includes not only the Communist Party and its members, but likewise applies to any and all similar or affiliated groups which advocate the overthrow of our Government by force.

The spread of the Communist sickness into even the most patriotic of organizations helped cause the death of many a European government. While it is true that we are less vulnerable to this deadly malady than most, we are not immune. Therefore it behooves us to take every precaution. Once the infection occurs, the period of incubation is short and the disease fatal.

It is devoutly to be hoped that other organizations will follow the courageous lead of the Order of Elks and take similar steps to safeguard our American liberties.



THE DRAFT

For the first time in its history, the United States, with the greatest reluctance, has embarked on a peactime draft. In the last hectic days of the 80th Congress, the 1948 Draft Law bill went to conference wherein Senate leaders sternly hammered out a law which met military requirements in almost every respect.

The country's young men of 19 through 25 are subject to induction into the Armed Forces. Draftees will serve 21 months to be followed by three years in active service or five years in the inactive reserves. Veterans with one year's peactime service or 90 days' service between Pearl Harbor and V-J Day are exempted, as are married men and those in services deemed essential. Deferments are granted high school students until graduation or up to their 20th year; college students, until they finish their current academic year.

It is proposed to draft 200,000 to 225,000 young men the first year, out of a pool of 7,500,000 19-25-year-olds. The target of the new law is a 2,000,000 standing military establishment.

There are countless millions of Americans whose ancestors emigrated to this country to escape compulsory military service. We, alone, of all major nations, maintained an Army of volunteers, and we kept our Army a voluntary service right up to the very declaration of seven wars. Yet now, with the United Nations presenting the greatest hope for permanent peace in all recorded history, there has developed a broad acceptance of the necessity of compulsory military service.

To this extreme have we been brought by the intransigence of one nation.



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